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Nato issues ultimatum on withdrawal of Serb artillery

British army chief brokers Sarajevo deal

By George Brock, Joel Brand and Michael Evans

■ Serb agreement to withdraw heavy guns and Nato warnings of air strikes are encouraging Muslims to believe they need negotiate no further in Geneva

LIEUTENANT General Sir Michael Rose, Britain's United Nations commander in Bosnia, helped yesterday to pull off a coup, negotiating a ceasefire between the warring sides in Sarajevo and persuading the Serbs to withdraw their heavy guns from the fringes of the city.

The ceasefire, which takes effect at midday today, should bring relief to a city wracked by 22 months of war and human tragedy on a scale not seen in Europe since the Second World War.

Last night General Rose's success was underpinned by a two-pronged strategy drawn up by Nato governments in Brussels. Nato sources said that member countries had agreed to issue an ultimatum to the Bosnian Serbs that if the guns dug in above Sarajevo were not pulled back within ten days they would face bombardment by allied jets.

The sources said that artillery, tanks and mortars would have to be pulled back at least 12 miles from the centre of the capital. A threat that any Serb artillery fire on the city would be met with immediate air strikes was also being considered. Details were expected to emerge only after more than eight hours of talks ended.

Although Nato governments have toyed for eight months with plans for air strikes, last night's talks promise to be a watershed. Nato forces have not fired in anger since the alliance's foundation in 1949.

President Clinton called the Bosnian Serb agreement to remove siege guns from around Sarajevo "a good beginning", but said he would have to wait and see whether it became a reality. Diplomats in Brussels said there was agreement that there was "no reason to backtrack" on the new tougher line.

Arguments developed between France and America, the leading advocates of the strike ultimatum, and Britain over the details of United Nations authorisation for using air power. Sir John Weston, Britain's ambassador to Nato, urged the alliance to consult Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, before any strikes were launched. The American and French envoys argued that no further permission was required.

Greece's ambassador told the meeting that his government, although sceptical about the value of military action, would not oppose a Nato ultimatum. Canada requested the alliance to guarantee the safety of its 200 soldiers surrounded by Serb fighters in Srebrenica.

Nato has been under pressure since the killing of 68 people in a Sarajevo market last Saturday. "It's time for action. We've had enough words." Manfred Wörner, Nato's secretary-general, said on his way to the meeting.

The UN force does not have the mandate to forcibly disarm combatants, respond to shelling of the city, or prevent either side from attacking the other. There is also serious doubt about whether enough peacekeepers can be mustered to separate the factions around Sarajevo.

But General Rose, who assumed his post last month, remained undetered by the history of failed ceasefires. "Where there is a will, there is a way," he said. "I fully intend to make this thing stick." The British general is widely viewed by all three sides in the conflict as a commander willing to back up his words with measured force.

A senior Bosnian army commander said: "I don't believe in it. I think this is yet another game which the Serbs will get away with. We accepted the agreement only so that we would not be told we do not want talks on peace."

The deal in Sarajevo will lead to the virtual surrender to United Nations Protection Force troops of Bosnian Serb heavy guns with a range of ten miles. Despite public statements warning of retaliation for air strikes, the Serbs made it clear yesterday that they were ready to negotiate. An Unprofor official said last night: "The pressure of air strikes was clearly a key factor."

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LAURENT REBOURS



Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose announcing the ceasefire yesterday

Major speaks of Milligan's 'misery and unhappiness'

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

THE Prime Minister yesterday spoke of the inner torment of Stephen Milligan. Questioned on a visit to the Midlands about the MP's death, John Major said that he "must have been pretty unhappy, pretty miserable".

As police sealed off Mr Milligan's Westminster office, the MP's parliamentary colleagues grew more impatient with the pace of the enquiry into his death.

Mr Major said: "We don't know yet precisely what happened. Stephen was a colleague. What happened to him was clearly a desperate personal tragedy. The details of that are not yet apparent.

"What I suppose does seem as though it is probable: he must have been pretty unhappy, pretty miserable. But at this moment I don't think there are any comments I would wish to make."

Westminster was rife yesterday with rumours and gossip about further imminent disclosures on MPs' private lives, although reports of an investigation by the whips of a ring of gay MPs were dismissed.

Sir Marcus Fox, leader of the Tory backbenchers, called on MPs to set standards and defended the back-to-basics campaign. The chairman of the 1922 committee said: "There is nothing wrong with us as a party saying we prefer the standards that we all lived by in the old days, rather than the way in which now everything goes."

The Conservative agent sent into Mr Milligan's constituency, Eastleigh in Hampshire, to try to steady the party's nerves, said that back to basics would still be a central issue of the by-election campaign.

Lee Arnold, 28, who volunteered to step in on the day Mr Milligan's death was reported, said: "I am here to advise during the immediate crisis. And I think back to basics is the policy of the Government and an idea espoused by the Prime Minister. The Government wishes to follow it, so we will not shy away from it in Eastleigh in the run-up to the by-election campaign. We will not be afraid to discuss it." Tory strategists accept that the by-election, where they are defending a majority of 17,500, is almost certain to be lost.

Many of the unexplained questions surrounding the circumstances of Mr Milligan's death will not be answered until a Home Office pathologist receives the results of tests under way at Scotland Yard laboratories. It could take until next week for the results to come through.

Officers investigating the MP's death sealed his office at the Commons for a time yesterday and are understood to have taken some private papers. They also interviewed staff at the Commons.

Scotland Yard sources say it is becoming increasingly likely Mr Milligan died at his home in Hammersmith, west London, late on Saturday night or on Sunday morning.

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

Dealers' doubts about rate cut

Sterling plunged yesterday because of widespread suspicion that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, ordered the ¼ point cut in base rates to take heat off the Government when it is battling with political scandals. The cut, on the morning when news of the death of Stephen Milligan hit the headlines, was described as "extremely unfortunate" by several foreign exchange dealers .....Page 23

Whitehall chief hits at media

By Michael Dynes

WHITEHALL'S most senior civil servant yesterday launched an unprecedented assault on the press, television and radio coverage of Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary and the head of the home civil service, backed by Sir David Gillmore, head of the diplomatic service, accused the media of having made repeated "wild allegations".

Sir Robin said that the continuous use of phrases like "arms sales to Iraq" and "gagging orders" had given a misleading impression of the role played by ministers and officials in the export of defence equipment to Iraq and the two criminal trials. Such comment "has been distressing for individuals and for their families".

One man show, page 2



UK stars shine in Oscar nominations

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

EMMA Thompson, Anthony Hopkins and Daniel Day Lewis lead a strong British showing in the nominations for the 66th Academy Awards announced yesterday.

But this year's nominations are dominated by *Schindler's List*, Steven Speilberg's harrowing epic set against the backdrop of the Holocaust. The film is nominated for 12 Oscars in all, including those for best film and best director, with Liam Neeson, born in Co Antrim, winning a best actor nomination for his role as Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist.

The Piano, set in 19th-century New Zealand and a hit with the critics, and the Merchant Ivory production of *The Remains of the Day* both have eight nominations.

But the nominations court controversy in Britain by including *In the Name of the Father*. The film, whose subject is the imprisonment of one of the Guildford Four, is nominated in seven categories, including best film and best director. Jim Sheridan, its producer-director, whose feature film debut, *My Left Foot*, won an Oscar for Daniel Day Lewis in 1989, has been accused in Britain of distorting the true story of Gerry Conlon, provoking a debate on the ethics of mixing fact and fiction.

Apart from Thompson, Hopkins and Day Lewis, British actors earned two other nominations with Pete Postlethwaite (Conlon's father in *In the Name of the Father*) and Ralph Fiennes (a concentration camp commandant in *Schindler's List*) both in line for best supporting actor.

Emma Thomson, who won best actress last year for *Howard's End*, joins an élite of only eight stars to be nominated twice in one year. She is nominated for best actress for her housekeeper in *The Remains of the Day*, and again as best supporting actress as Mr Conlon's fiery lawyer in *In the Name of the Father*.

However, given the Motion

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Prime Minister dismisses 'chattering'

By Philip Webster and Jonathan Prynn

JOHN Major yesterday dismissed renewed talk of a challenge to his leadership as "empty chatterings" and regretted the "distractions" blurring the Government's good news on the economy.

As the Prime Minister took to the country for the first of a series of regional visits to restore the morale of party workers and meet businessmen, he found himself confronted with Kenneth Clarke's warning the previous night that a change of leadership could lose the next election.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer had said in Paris: "Nobody is going to be a Conservative Prime Minister unless we can actually get the Government back into control and where it has a reasonable prospect of winning the next election. And to, therefore, come into a leadership crisis only four years after the last one would, in my view, be folly for us all and would seem to be arguing about who leads the Government to defeat."

Mr Clarke, explaining his remarks yesterday, attacked sections of the press for fomenting unfounded talk of a leadership crisis. It was "not a serious subject for political debate", he said.

Mr Major, in Leicester, asked to comment on the remarks, said: "Kenneth Clarke and a number of other senior ministers are getting rather frustrated at

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Heart surgery on street fails to save stabbed sergeant

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

A LONE unarmed police sergeant was stabbed to death yesterday as he tackled three masked men trying to escape from a post office raid.

The killing of Sgt Derek Robertson, 44, brought new demands for better protection for the police.

Paramedics gave him open heart surgery and a transfusion of 18 pints of blood as he lay in the back garden of the sub-post office. He died after being flown to hospital by helicopter.



Robertson: received 18 pints of blood

Sgt Robertson, who was from the Reigate area, had been married for just six weeks to Christine, the mother of his son Frazer, 4. He had a daughter Sasha, 7, from his first marriage.

He had responded with colleagues to a 999 call at 10am to the post office in New Addington, south London. Raiders had broken in and lain in wait for the sub-postmaster, John Brittain. Mr Brittain's wife called police after telephoning him and suspecting something was wrong because of the way he was speaking.

Sgt Robertson, a policeman for 21 years, was on routine patrol after starting his shift at 7am. He led three other officers at the scene, but went alone to the back of the building and found the three balaclava-clad robbers trying to escape. One had a knife and the sergeant was stabbed several times in the chest before collapsing. Mr Brittain used the policeman's radio to call for help and paramedics in a helicopter were summoned. A doctor gave the sergeant open-heart massage on the spot and he is thought to have been revived twice before being flown to the Royal London Hospital. He underwent further surgery at hospital but was pronounced dead.

Acting Commander Roy Ramm of the Flying Squad, which is conducting the murder enquiry, said two men were arrested close by and a third was held at a house near the post office.

Paying tribute to Sgt Robertson, Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan police, noted it was the second death of a London officer in the past few months. He said: "We have seen yet again today a Metropolitan police officer going about his normal course of duty has paid the ultimate sacrifice for the people of London."

Speaking of "heroic officers who have given their lives",

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Labour pledges to 'reinvent NHS'

A Labour government would seek to reinvent the NHS as a public service in which commercialisation and competition played no part, according to a policy document to be published today. *Health 2000* is being released on the day the Government announces its decision on the future of key London hospitals, including Guy's and St Thomas', which will shape health care in the next century.

The announcement has been postponed for 24 hours, arousing Labour suspicions that it is timed to overshadow its health policy launch. The document commits Labour to abolishing trust hospitals and GP fundholders and ending the internal market. NHS pay beds would be phased out and a levy on all private treatment may be imposed to reflect the costs to the NHS of training medical staff who later work in the private sector. Anthony Howard, page 16

Bomb jury undecided

The jury in the trial of three men accused of involvement in the IRA gasworks bombing in Warrington last year failed to reach verdicts last night. Pairic MacFhlionn, 40, and Dennis Kinsella, 25, deny causing an explosion, attempted murder, kidnap and possession of a gun. John Kinsella, 49, denies possessing Semtex.

Himalayan killers freed

Two forestry labourers who admitted killing a British couple in the Himalayas have walked free from an Indian court on technicalities. Paul Miles, 27, and Joanna Stickland, 28, were murdered in October 1992 while trekking. The murder weapons were never finger-printed and defence lawyers claimed their clients were beaten.

IRA propaganda claim

Unionists and security sources criticised Amnesty International yesterday for referring to the troubles in Ulster as a war. In a 48-page report, Amnesty accuses paramilitaries of contravening the rules of war by killing civilians. Ken Maginnis of the Ulster Unionist Party condemned the report as dangerous propaganda for the IRA.

Aid worker's funeral



The funeral of Paul Goodall, left, the British aid worker shot dead last month in Bosnia, was held yesterday in Bradford. The Rev Gill Hall told mourners at St Stephen's Church that Mr Goodall had sacrificed his life so that two other relief workers could escape and in helping suffering people in Bosnia. Mr Goodall's mother Eileen was taken to hospital after collapsing at the service.

Britons 'lose £300 each'

Every adult in Britain is £300 a year worse off on average than necessary, through a mixture of "laziness, poor tax planning, lack of financial advice and failure to claim what is rightfully due", a survey published yesterday says. A total of £12 billion a year is lost, Mintel, the financial analyst, said.

Top civil servant attacks media over arms enquiry

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, yesterday launched a scathing attack on what he called the grossly distorted media coverage of Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair.

Reading out a prepared statement at the end of his first day of testimony, Sir Robin appealed to the judge to censure press, television and radio coverage and to undo "the damage which has been done to our system of government".

Sir Robin's statement, which was made with the backing of John Major and Sir David Gillmore, head of the diplomatic service, said the Civil Service's task of assisting the enquiry "has been made more fraught and onerous by grossly distorted and prejudicial allegations in the media about the role of government and individuals, including civil servants, in these matters".

He drew attention to "the meticulous way in which records were kept and preserved", without which "this enquiry would have had no prospect of reaching the truth". Earlier, however, Sir Robin had been reprimanded by Lord Justice Scott for the Cabinet Office's failure to pass on vital documents.

Sir Robin gave a personal undertaking that the Cabinet Office would hand over all relevant documents immediately. They relate to meetings between Sir Robin, Mr Major and Alan Clark, the former trade and defence minister, over allegations made by The Machine Tools Technologies Association that Mr Clark had encouraged them to emphasise the civilian uses of their equipment when applying for export licences. Mr Clark had given them "a nod and a wink", they said.

Singling out the "constant references" to "arms sales to Iraq" and gagging orders, Sir Robin said the media had given a misleading impression of the role played by ministers and officials in the export of defence-related equipment to Iraq and the abortive trial of the three Matrix Churchill employees at the Old Bailey in November 1992.

Sir Robin said that the use of the phrase "arms sales to Iraq" was misleading because no licences were ever granted for the export of "lethal equipment". Also, the use of "gagging orders" to describe public interest immunity certificates suggested that the Government was trying to prevent information vital for the Matrix Churchill defence from being disclosed in court, without making it clear that this was an issue for the judge to decide.

The phrase "arms-to-Iraq" has been widely used by the media because British-made machine tools exported to Iraq, while not classified as lethal, were used to make missiles and shells. Similarly, "gagging orders" has been used because the immunity certificates were so sweeping that they effectively denied the defence lawyers the documents needed to prove the men's innocence. Such certificates were accepted by the judge in the trial of four executives of the company Orditech in February 1992, all of whom are appealing against their convictions. Citing comments made about him, Sir Robin said: "Even before I have given evidence to the enquiry there have been comments like 'The Butler did it', 'Cabinet chief linked to Iraqi gun cover-up' and 'The trail of blood running through Whitehall in the wake of the arms to Iraq affair leads to the door of the Cabinet Secretary'.

"While I hope and believe that people do not give this sort of report more weight than it deserves, such prejudicial press comment has been distressing for individuals concerned and for their families, colleagues and close friends. The victims are often middle-ranking officials who could not have expected to be thrust in the limelight in the way in which they have."



Sir Robin: enquiry "made more fraught and onerous by grossly distorted allegations"

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Beastly behaviour winds up Skinner behind his back

Said a Labour MP to a Tory minister yesterday: "When are you going to *do* something, instead of coming here and talking bull?"

"I welcome the hon gentleman's recognition of the consistency of my answers," replied the minister. We scratched our heads. Had Tim Sainsbury (a junior industry minister) heard Terry Lewis (Lab, Worsley) aright?

Mr Lewis had been in an animated mood all day. Famous in Worsley and the world as the scourge of BT's pornographic chatlines, Lewis has made headway in banning these, and is now anxious to be seen on a wider stage. Which of us cares to be remembered as Mr Porno Chatline, even in Worsley? Sitting in the middle of Labour's prime heckling site below the gangway, Lewis has been bouncing up and down, keen to outshout Dennis Skinner (Bolsover) and Bob Cryer (Bradford S) who sit beside him.

This is not easy. Cryer is indefatigable. The Beast of Bradford had hit his stride right from the start, after Prayers, when a hapless whip processed into the Chamber to deliver a Royal Message to the Speaker. As Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, the whip (Sydney Chapman), dressed in the full regalia, tails and a white stick, brought news that Her Majesty had assented to a double-taxation agreement with Uzbekistan.

"Huh!" shouted Bob Cryer. "*She* doesn't pay *single* taxation. Mek 'er pay. Send 'im back!" Chapman, obliged by custom to leave anyway, nodded hastily to Betty Boothroyd and left, Cryer hurling imprecations at his retreating tails.

And that was only the Beast of Bradford: the number two Beast. The supremo Beast is Dennis Skinner, whose reputation as the Beast of Bolsover guarantees attention to his every heckle. Terry Lewis watches both, and dreams. Could he, one day, be acknowledged as the Beast of Worsley?

Yesterday he allowed a little good-humoured envy of Skinner's role to peep through. Dennis rose during an exchange about coal mining, with perhaps a firmer idea that he wanted to say something, than of what he wanted to say. Madam Speaker called him. He looked taken aback. He wobbled into a few introductory remarks about pit closures, but sounded hesitant. The Beast of Bolsover was stumbling.

The Beast of Worsley looked tempted. To his left, the Beast of Bradford was chuntering away in an effort to provide the background noise of an angry proletarian crowd that Beasts appreciate. But Bolsover was not on form. "Come on, Dennis!" shouted the usual suspects on the Tory side. All the cameras were on him.

Leaning forward, Worsley flung an arm extravagantly behind Bolsover's back and commenced an exaggerated winding motion. Tories giggled as Skinner, unaware of the pantomime behind him, found his pace and began to rant more effectively. The more Lewis wound, the faster and louder Skinner got. It was a coincidence, but a happy one. There will have been recriminations in the Beasts' cage last night.

... And discussion, perhaps, of a fledgeling Beast on the Tory side. Phil Gallie (C, Ayr) is attracting a growing reputation for his fearsome roars from the very back of the government benches. The intellectual content is light (yesterday he raised a one-man storm about a EC plot to ban British plugs and make us use two-pin continental ones; apparently no such plot exists) but the volume is magnificent. Watch out, Bolsover, Bradford and Worsley: the Beast of Ayr is on the march!

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Curtain rises on what 'the Butler' saw

*When is a lie not a lie? **Joe Joseph** watched the Cabinet Secretary lead the Scott enquiry through the White Hall of Mirrors*

WHEN the curtain rose on Sir Robin Butler's one-man show before the Scott enquiry, nobody could have suspected that the Cabinet Secretary's recital of his revue, *What The Butler Saw*, would begin as a Whitehall farce and end up as *J'Accuse*.

Soliciting questions from the stalls, he picked on Presiley Baxendale — *yes, you dear, in the front row with the dangerous giggle* — to pitch the first poser.

Ms Baxendale, the counsel to Lord Justice Scott's arms-to-Iraq enquiry, wanted an immediate answer to that antique political riddle — when is a lie not a lie?

"There are certain circumstances," quipped Sir Robin, evoking Archie Rice, "in which you do — and it is justified — to give half an answer."

"But the problem," Ms Baxendale replied with her disarming giggle, "is that if you give a half-answer, the recipient feels he's got a full answer."

Sir Robin, who has been too bashful to flaunt his improvisation skills on television's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, thought on his feet: you want proof of how half an answer can be an accurate answer? Look no further than last year's statement by ministers that the Government was not involved in negotiations with the IRA.

"This was an answer that was true, but not complete," he explained, ambling deeper into the White Hall of Mirrors. "It was not designed to mislead." Ms Baxendale ungraciously sneered: "It was calculated not to allow the listener to know the full picture."

"Certainly," Sir Robin grinned. "But that is *not* the same as misleading. They got the right impression. There had been no negotiations with the IRA."

"But it must have left the wrong impression?"

"No," flashed Sir Robin. "It did not *deny* there had been contacts. It simply didn't cover the point. It was an incomplete answer."

When the Cabinet Secretary persisted that a half-picture can be truthful, Lord Justice Scott snapped: "One-tenth of the picture can be true," but if the end impression is misleading, "the percentage of the picture that is true is immaterial".

Oh dear, Sir Robin paled: "These are difficult lines to draw. It is not justified to mislead, but very often one is finding oneself in a position where one has to give an answer that falls short of the whole truth."

Before launching into his final soliloquy about the media scallywags who have tarnished the good name of ministers and civil servants, Sir Robin gave us an insight into why we would fare poorly as civil servants.

Ms Baxendale read from a bureaucratic document and was met by Sir Robin's nodding approval.

"I think that is a rather well-drafted paragraph," he glowed.

"Oh," sighed Ms Baxendale. "I'm not sure what it meant."

Eight held in protest at Prince

FROM ALAN HAMILTON
IN CHRISTCHURCH

EIGHT demonstrators were detained by police yesterday as the Prince of Wales left a reception in Christchurch during his tour of New Zealand. The protesters were kept well away from the Prince, who did not appear to notice them.

Security has been tightened during the Prince's five-day visit to New Zealand, after a man wielding an aerosol can got within 12 ft of him during a walkabout in Auckland.

About 40 demonstrators promoting Maori rights shouted anti-monarchist slogans but failed to disrupt the Prince's programme.

Police said that one of the demonstrators had been recognised as a man who created a stir during the Queen's tour of New Zealand in 1990, when he bared his bottom in a protest for Maori rights.

Yesterday's demonstrators were detained one by one as they attempted to cross the road to where the Prince was greeting dignitaries.

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Major dismisses empty talk

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being asked about this issue. We had all this last year — there was going to be a great leadership crisis in November but it turned out to be empty chatterings — you will find the same thing this year."

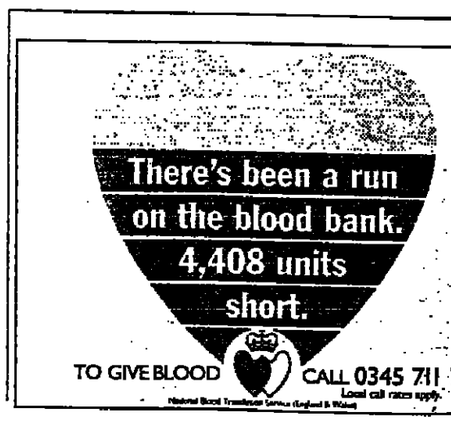
The Prime Minister used a visit to Leicester to deliver an upbeat message about the economy, while life at Westminster continued to be dominated by the furore surrounding the death of the Eastleigh Tory MP Stephen Milligan. Mr Major declared that there had been a "quite startling" change in Britain's competitive position.

At a breakfast meeting, the Prime Minister looked refreshed and ready for the fray as he preached economic recovery to a hand-picked gathering of 18 Leicestershire businessmen. He told them that after a difficult two or three years the British economy was improving. Annual inflation was under 2 per cent and interest rates were down to 5.25 per cent, the lowest for a very long time. Exports were at record levels. The trade gap had not widened and British industry was striking more deeply into smaller markets. He said unit costs in industry were under control.

The Prime Minister said when all these facts were put together, particularly with the economy growing at around 2.5 per cent, British industry and commerce was in a better position than it had been for many years. He said he understood people's perceptions that the Government did not appear to be "getting things right". But with unemployment down, interest rates down, British industry becoming more competitive, it represented an opportunity for the future which the country had not had for a long time.

Most of those present agreed with Mr Major's comment that East Midlands businessmen and women were "upbeat". David Jones, chief executive of the fashion retailer Next, said his company was "certainly" seeing the green shoots of recovery.

The Prime Minister later visited the Triumph Motorcycles factory in Hinkley, a British industrial success story after a past linked with failed Socialist experiments. At the end of his tour Mr Major looked a far happier man than the haunted figure of the previous evening. "I go back a man with a greater knowledge of the East Midlands than I had before and very glad I came," he said.





Sergeant's killing reinforces call to protect police

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE killing of Sgt Derek Robertson led to renewed calls yesterday for police officers to be provided with body armour and firearms in the face of rising violence from criminals.

There were also calls from MPs for capital punishment to be reintroduced for those who kill police officers.

Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner, said that he would review protection but that yesterday four officers had responded to a fairly normal incident and had not asked for protective clothing. He refused to back the general arming of the police, but added: "I won't hesitate in terms of body protection, guns, whatever is necessary in appropriate circumstances to arm and protect police officers."

The Metropolitan police has 3,000 sets of stab-resistant body armour which are issued to officers attending "expected emergency situations".

Mr Condon said that the equipment was not available to protect every single officer. "It is not viable to have every officer wearing stab-resistant clothing all the time. If there was a light-weight dual-purpose body armour, resistant to both stabbing and bullets, I would purchase sets of that kit for every member of the Metropolitan police."

Sergeant Robertson is the sixth London police officer to be killed since PC Keith Blakelock was hacked to death by a mob during a riot on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham, north London. The last London policemen to be killed was PC Patrick Dunne who was shot last October as he went to investigate gunfire at a south London house.

With injuries to police officers in England and Wales at more than 19,000 a year, the Home Office and chief constables have considered better protection.

There are also calls to increase the number of armed response cars. Many officers still do not want to be armed, although Britain and Ireland are the only west European countries where guns are not routinely carried.

Roger Gale, Tory MP for Thanet North, said: "Either we bring back capital punishment as a deterrent, or we arm our police. I do not like either but I would sooner we brought back capital punishment."

New penalties for the killing of a police officer are advocated by the Police Federation. Yesterday Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan branch of the federation, said Sgt Robertson's death would "increase the call for police officers to be armed. My own view is changing rapidly. I don't see any alternative".

Mr Bennett said an armed response vehicle, one of the units carrying officers and guns that patrol London, had been on its way to the scene but had not arrived in time. "We always maintained that the delay with these vehicles could cost lives," he said. He called for stronger legislation against people carrying knives, such as the power to stop and search and to arrest.

Better protection for police could either mean body armour or bigger truncheons. The British Transport Police began issuing body armour last year and now Northumbria police are buying 600 lightweight vests at a cost of £250 each. A strong vest that would be light enough for general use is being researched by the Home Office.

In the search for defensive weapons short of guns, forces have been testing an extending truncheon and last year Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, reversed Home Office opposition to US-style side-handle batons.

Popular officer paid 'ultimate sacrifice'

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Mr Condon said: "They are aware of what they face day in, day out, and they do it courageously."

The death of Sgt Robertson is certain to stir fresh debate about the need for better protection for police officers on Britain's streets.

Police leaders are currently asking officers for their views on carrying arms and last night Conservative MPs were talking of trying to reintroduce capital punishment for the murder of an officer on duty.

Chief Supt Kessick Jones of South Norwood division, where Sgt Robertson worked, said: "He was a lovely man, a popular well-respected supervisor, a very active and enthusiastic policeman and also a very courageous one."

He said a smile was never far from Sgt Robertson's face and he was a man with "a good sense of humour, very popular with the troops, and we are absolutely devastated".

Mr Robertson started as a cadet in the 1970s. He had a variety of postings, including CID, and had been stationed at South Norwood for about three years.

He was slightly injured in the disturbances at Welling last year when police intervened to prevent anti-racist protesters marching on the British National Party's headquarters but had carried on working.

Jess Filmer, 38, who lives next to the post office, was at home with his eight-year-old son when he heard sirens and saw police vehicles and ambulances speeding past.

"My little boy ran outside to see what was going on and I went with him," he said. "We saw hundreds of police everywhere and one of the gang was pinned up against the post office window. Several officers were holding on to him."

The postmaster was standing alone covered with blood from the policeman he had tried to help.

Last night a carpet of flowers marked the scene of the killing as a steady stream of people from the area left their tributes to the officer.

Street surgery can save lives

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE roadside heart surgery to try to save the life of Sgt Robertson was the third time Dr Sean Keogh had attempted the conroversial operation.

Members of the London Hospital's helicopter ambulance team carried out an emergency phoracotany to allow Dr Keogh to massage the heart to keep the blood circulating during the helicopter trip to hospital.

Dr Keogh said: "We brought him back with his heart being pumped and handed him over to casualty."

On Christmas Eve, a man with multiple stab wounds survived after Dr Keogh performed open heart surgery at the roadside, but a second case died.

"I know it works because I have a survivor," he said. "But it only works in the right circumstances — with penetrating injuries to the heart. It will not work for heart attack victims. You wouldn't do it unless it was a dire situation and you don't have time to get the patient to hospital.

"If a patient is bleeding to death and too ill to make the trip to hospital you have to stabilise them. You open up the chest and repair the damage — a hole in the heart, a torn lung or a punctured blood vessel."

Dr Keogh, who gained experience of the procedure in Soweto, South Africa, said it had been tried by the helicopter ambulance service "but without much success". He said it was a recognised procedure in casualty departments in South Africa and America, but it was not yet established that it worked on the street. "We believe there is a place for it," he said.

Lord Nelson error makes its mark

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE world of postal history was rocked yesterday when one of the country's leading stamp and envelope dealers was fined £3,000 by Macclesfield magistrates after wrongly claiming that the signatures on two envelopes it sold were by Admiral Lord Nelson.

David Shannon of Hertford, membership secretary of the Nelson Society, paid £250 for what he thought were letters signed by the naval hero. On further analysis, he discovered the signatures were not only written by a right-handed man — Nelson lost his right arm in 1797 — but were dated four years after he died in 1805.



The disputed signature

Mr Shannon believes the signatures are those of Nelson's brother, William. He reported his discovery to Cheshire trading standards after the same envelopes were advertised later by Sandafayre Limited, of Knutsford.

Vincent Green, the managing director, pleaded guilty to offences under the Trade Descriptions Act. Outside court he said: "This single mistake has come as a tremendous shock and is regrettable."

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UK shines in Oscar nominations

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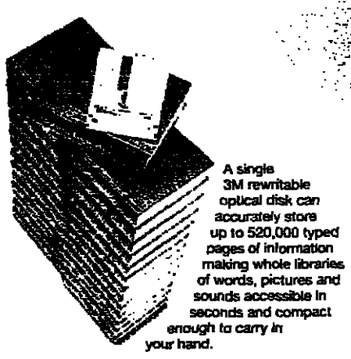
Picture Academy's traditional reluctance to honour the same star two years in succession, Holly Hunter is likley to emerge as favourite for this year's best actress. She was nominated for her performance as a mute Scots woman arriving in New Zealand for an arranged marriage in *The Piano* and as best supporting actress for her part in *The Firm*.

Hollywood insiders suspect that voters will swing back behind home-grown talent this year, in which case Tom Hanks will be hotly tipped to take the best actor award for his role as a lawyer suffering with Aids in *Philadelphia*.

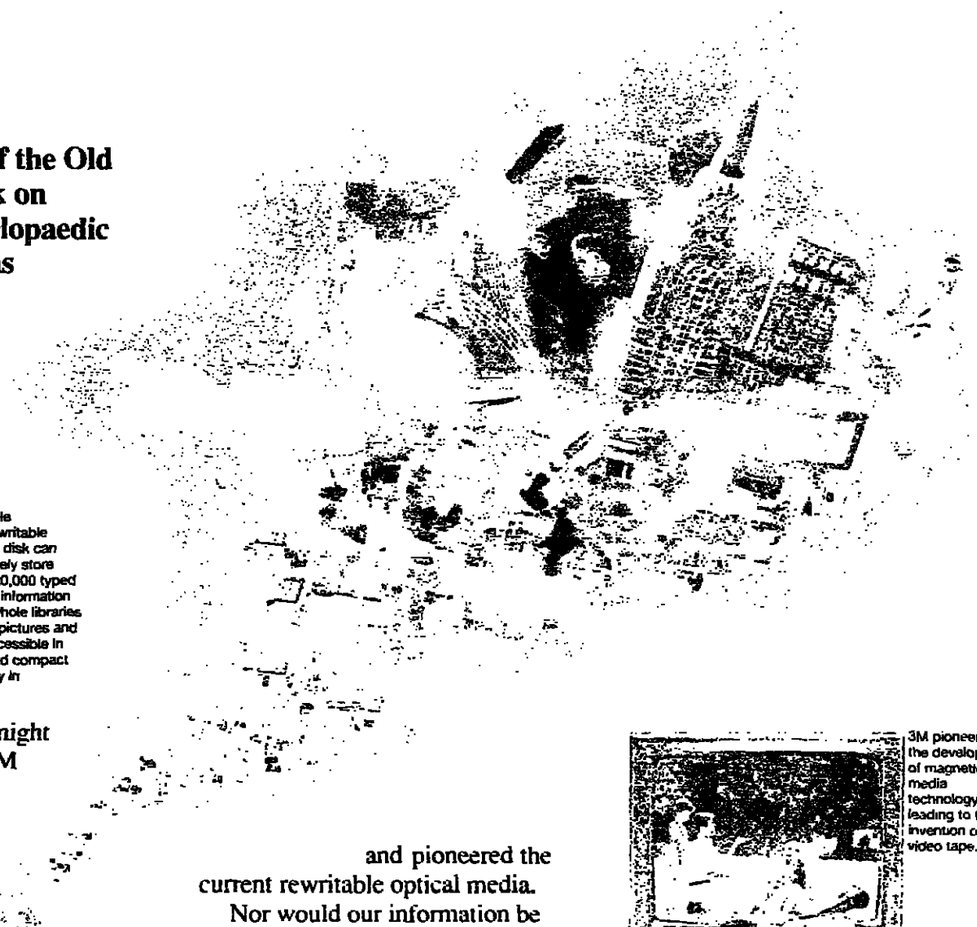
The United Kingdom has its first entry in the foreign language film category with *Hedd Wyn* (Blessed Peace), commissioned by S4C, the Welsh television channel, in which the dialogue is entirely in Welsh. The title was the nom-de-plume of Elis Evans, a young North Wales poet, called to serve in the trenches. He submitted his work for competition in the National Eisteddfod but was killed in France without knowing that he had been awarded the winning prize, a Bardic chair later covered in black in mourning.

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'Authorities cannot impose their opinion about the morals of blood sports'

ALAIN LOCKYER



The Quantock staghounds in action: the hunt's members claim that the council has wasted money policing its ban while valuable community services have been cut back

Court declares hunting ban illegal

BY BILL FROST

A legal ruling against Somerset County Council is likely to affect 34 other areas where hunting has been banned

A BAN by Somerset County Council on the Quantock Staghounds was overturned by a High Court judge yesterday, who ruled that the local authority had acted unlawfully. However, while the field sports lobby welcomed the decision, there was a warning that extremists would intensify their campaign against deer hunting.

Mr Justice Laws told the High Court that Somerset county councillors exceeded their powers when they voted by 26 to 22 last August to ban hunting at Over Stowey Customs Common because they found the sport "morally repugnant". The judge said the law "confers no entitlement on a local authority to impose its opinions about the morals of hunting on the neighbourhood".

Chris Clarke, leader of the Liberal Democrat-controlled council, described the ruling as "quite extraordinary". He said that the decision had far-reaching implications for 34 other county councils that had introduced bans.

"I am sure they will want to join us in mounting an appeal. But it goes very much further than that because of the way the judge dwelt on whether councillors have the right to bring moral or ethical considerations into the way they make decisions.

"Nine people out of ten want a ban on blood sports because they find them abhorrent. They are going to be hugely disappointed." he said.

Robin Webb, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, predicted yesterday that the Quantock Staghounds would become the target of "sophisticated and professional extremists. If they are not worried by the judgment they certainly ought to be", he said.

The Justice Department, a shadowy group of anti-bloodsports campaigners, would have the Somerset hunt in their sights, Mr Webb claimed. "Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch takes them very seriously — it has already sent letter bombs to a number of blood sports people. With this ruling the Quantock Staghounds must now be close to the top of its list."

The Justice Department came to the attention of police last autumn after explosive devices were posted to those "on the hit list". Mr Webb said. In November the Animal Liberation Front received a video from the group which showed a letter bomb being assembled and detonated.

"They are very sophisticated in their methods and very determined. The risk they pose after this ruling should not be underestimated," Mr Webb said.

The League Against Cruel Sports echoed the warning. Extremists would now be encouraged to extend their "illegal campaigns of violence and intimidation," it said.

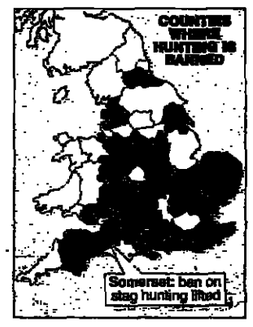
"If the democratic process is closed to peaceful campaigning groups such as ours, it can only encourage the extreme minority elements of the animal rights movement to extend their activities," a spokesman said.

"We appeal to the Government to uphold the democratic process. Parliamentary time should now be provided for an immediate debate on whether hunting should be banned," he added.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare expressed "deep disappointment" at the ruling. Richard Moore, executive director, described it as "a real blow for the vast majority of people in the country who consider hunting wild animals with hounds an outdated and unnecessarily cruel pursuit".

Local councils across the country that were introducing bans were "honouring their commitment to the people who elected them and were responding to public demand", he said.

However, William Fewings, master of the Quantock Staghounds, said of the judgment: "This is wonderful news. The hunt can get back to normal now." He said the council, at considerable cost to ratepayers, had been policing a 140-acre strip that divided two sections of hunt country. "They have cut down on schools, hospitals and the fire service, yet they spend money like this. I hope the leader of the council will now have the decency to resign."



The British Field Sports Society said the judge's ruling would be widely applauded. The hunt had played a "vital role" as part of the Quantock Deer Management and Conservation Group.

The society claimed that many people did not understand that the hunt played an important role in preservation and contributed to village life and countryside management. "We believe it is this fundamental misunderstanding of part of the area they claim to represent that has pushed the Liberal Democrat-controlled council to act beyond their powers," it said.

Shoppers 'prefer high-street stores'

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

ALMOST twice as many Britons shop for their main groceries in high streets as at edge-of-town superstores, according to a survey.

The great majority of shoppers interviewed agreed that "local shops are an important part of the community", lending popular support to this week's decision by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to discourage the trend towards out-of-town shopping. Among the apparent dislikes of consumers about the newer, larger superstores is the wide variety of items on sale, including unfamiliar products.

Shoppers said that on a typical expedition to an edge-of-town superstore they would waste more than £2 on "exotic" items which were later thrown away, stored or never used. The average weekly shopping bill was £54, according to the survey, which was published yesterday by the supermarket chain Gateway.

The Market researchers RSL interviewed 1,111 shoppers before Mr Gummer told the Commons on Monday that he wanted "town centres which serve the whole community". He has signalled that planners will encourage shopping developments in town centres or within walking distance of homes.

Sixty-six per cent said they chose high streets and local shopping centres for their main grocery shopping. This included supermarkets (44 per cent), specialist shops such as butchers and bakers (6 per cent), and a combination of supermarkets and specialist shops (16 per cent). The remaining 34 per cent prefer edge-of-town supermarkets.

There was more than 90 per cent support for the statement "it would be a shame if local shops and local high streets disappeared". All but 11 per cent used high street or local shops at least once a week.

Nearly 75 per cent of local shoppers had visited edge-of-town grocery superstores, but did not go back. Their reasons included having no car and the excessive amount of time spent travelling and shopping.

Olympics expenses claims queried

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND RONALD FAUX

THE expenses incurred by the team that masterminded Manchester's bid to host the Olympic Games is being investigated by a House of Commons committee.

The national heritage select committee will examine bids for the Olympic and Commonwealth Games and the staging of the 1991 World Student Games in Sheffield which lost more than £10 million.

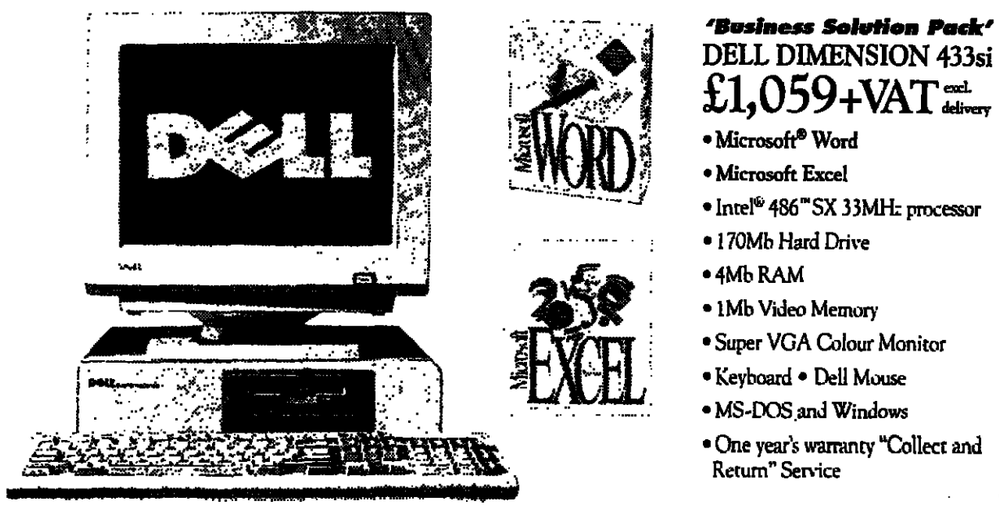
Labour MPs in the North West of England have protested that they were not consulted by Manchester about the bidding strategy and have questioned the cost of travel and hospitality. Manchester received about £8 million from the Government and the private sector to promote the city's ambition to stage the millennium Games. Graham Stringer, the Labour leader of Manchester City Council, insisted yesterday that most of the funding had come from these two sources, although he admitted there had been a mistake in the way the accounts had been presented.

However, Robert Litherland, Labour MP for Manchester Central, claims that the council spent nearly £900,000 on attempts to get the Games. Mr Stringer said in response yesterday that hospitality for Olympic committee members was restricted to little more than cups of tea. "We did not charter any aircraft, fund Olympic trips or spend council-taxpayers' money on big banquets for VIPs. All that was paid for by the Manchester Olympic bid committee, which was outstandingly successful in raising money from private sources and from the Government."

Manchester last week beat London to become England's nomination for the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The building of the main stadium and swimming complex in the North West will cost nearly £250 million.

Manchester has three times unsuccessfully tried to hold the Olympics, including an attempt for the 2000 Games last September, which received only 11 votes in the ballot of the International Olympic Committee.

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MacGregor sets out curbs to tame young drivers

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NEW drivers convicted of serious motoring offences will lose their licence and be forced to take a much tougher test, the Transport Secretary announced yesterday.

In the most radical shake-up of motoring since testing was introduced nearly 60 years ago, the campaign to reduce the number of road accidents will be extended to schools. John MacGregor also intends to introduce post-test driver training, with the financial incentive of lower insurance premiums for drivers who attend the courses.

A mandatory theory test, as well as the on-road test, will be in place by July 1996. Mr MacGregor believes this will reduce significantly the accident rate among newly qualified drivers, in particular by improving their anticipation of hazards.

Under the road safety education programme, the Transport Department will be working with the private and voluntary sectors to prepare material for use in schools.

But Mr MacGregor said that the case for introduction of P plates for probationary drivers had not been proven. "Further consideration will be given to this measure when the full results are available of a study into the 'Restricted' plates that are in use in Northern Ireland."

Although the new measures will affect all newly qualified drivers, they are aimed primarily at young motorists. Mr MacGregor said: "Drivers of 17-21 represent 10 per cent of licence holders. They account for over 1,000 deaths — 25 per cent of road deaths. I am determined to cut this unnecessary waste of lives.

"The measures I am introducing will tackle the inexperience which causes most new-driver accidents and be coupled with a tighter enforcement regime for those who will not learn."

Drivers who commit a serious offence within two years of qualifying will have to retake their test. Offences that will invite automatic retesting will include causing death by careless driving when unfit through drink or drugs, most offences related to drink-driving and speeding.

Andrew Howard, head of road safety at the Automobile Association, said: "We welcome any proposals to tame the small minority of younger motorists, especially young men, who drive dangerously. All young drivers have to learn that getting their driving licence allows them the privilege of using a car to get safely and conveniently from one point to another. It does not give them the right to drive as they please."

David Worskett, the RAC's director of public affairs, said: "Strict standards of post-test driver training covering driving at night and on motorways will help new drivers to learn about the risks of the real world."

Tested to the limit

THE difficulty of the driving test depends largely on the country in which it is taken.

In Germany, every learner has to take 12 lessons, each of 90 minutes, to prepare for an exam on the theory of driving.

If the learner — who must be 18 before he can drive — passes the written exam, he moves on to the practical instruction, which must include Autobahn and night driving. The Autobahn features in the hour-long test.

In America, where people can drive at 16, traffic laws and the driving tests vary from state to state.

Before the actual driving test, learners are required to pass a multiple-choice written examination. In California, one question asks whether after a crash a driver should have a very stiff drink or call the police.

One man who recently took a Californian test said: "Before it you are given a booklet which contains all the answers. A parrot could pass."

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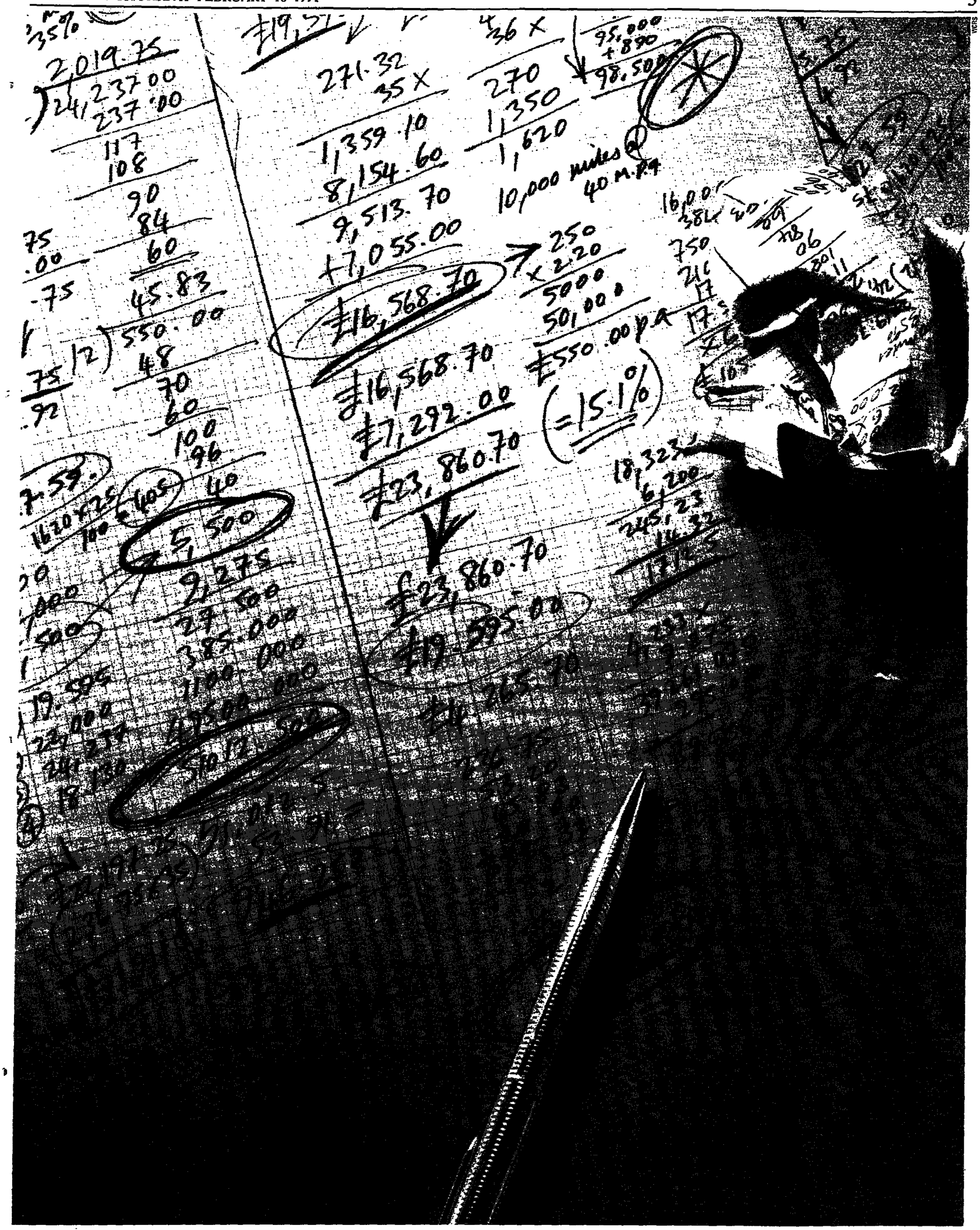
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Inspectors condemn students' poor attendance and 'free use of colloquial language'

Progressive school warned to improve or face closure

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SUMMERHILL school — a bastion of progressive ideals, optional lessons and mixed nude swimming — was yesterday given two months to answer a critical report by government inspectors.

The independent boarding school, founded in 1921 by the Scottish educationist A.S. Neill, faces closure if it fails to satisfy John Patten, the Education Secretary.

The inspection team concluded that standards at the £5,000-a-year school in Leiston, Suffolk, were low. Attendance was poor, children's progress was slow and their schooling needs were poorly served, the report by the Office for Standards in Education said.

The school provides alternative education where children are given considerable freedom. Pupils and staff enforce the few rules within a framework of youths being "helped to live" not taught to earn a living.

Parallels were drawn between Summerhill and William Golding's novel *Lord of the Flies* after a Channel 4 documentary two years ago showed pupils hunting a rabbit and beheading it.

Zoe Readhead, the founder's daughter and Summerhill principal, rejected the findings. She said the report failed to capture the essence of the school. "It is intolerable that we should be inspected by people without any interest in alternative education," Mrs Readhead said. "It's rather like a church being inspected by atheists."

Mrs Readhead said the inspectors were blind to the school's goals and judged it against standards it was not trying to meet. "Our aim is not to secure a stream of As at GCSE. You cannot judge happiness, confidence and responsibility with a piece of paper."

While pupils' behaviour was generally good, the inspectors noted that their "free use of colloquial language" and regular non-attendance of lessons would not be tolerated in conventional schools. Sanctions against pupils who misbehave are negotiated by a tribunal involving all staff and pupils.

The inspectors recommended that complaints procedures required by the Children Act be established because there was potential for the "abuse of trust".

The report said: "There is physical contact between staff and children which is of a caring and comfortable kind and no improper behaviour was observed. There are, nevertheless, risks that children, particularly girls, could acquire behaviour which makes them vulnerable, within and outside the school."

Summerhill's roll fell after an inspection in 1990, but has bounced back. It has 38 boys and 28 girls, aged between six and 17, with 21 Japanese and seven German pupils.

The Education Department sent a letter yesterday highlighting concerns raised by the report, giving the school two months to respond. If Mr Patten is not satisfied he can issue a second notice of complaint, allowing Summerhill six months in which to lift standards or be closed.



Summerhill's ideals allow mixed nude bathing, pictured in its prospectus, as an extra-curricular activity



A.S. Neill: founded the boarding school in 1921

'Older kids have to run the place'

FORMER pupils of Summerhill unhesitatingly defend their Alma Mater, fondly remembering their unconventional schooldays (Ben Preston writes).

Caroline Jackson, 42, attended between 1962 and 1967 and left, unusually, with five O-levels. "I was occasionally unhappy but, overall, I enjoyed myself and benefited from the experience."

Mrs Jackson, philosophy graduate from the University of East Anglia and deputy secretary at the University of North London, said: "Summerhill taught me self-reliance, responsibility and that most things are down to what you do yourself." She said that A.S. Neill, the school's founder who was still at the helm during her time, was proud of organising Summerhill on the principle that his vote was no more influential than that of a five-year-old pupil.

Although new pupils sometimes went "a bit wild" and dropped out of academic work for a couple of years, Mrs Jackson said there was hardly any bullying and no drug-taking. Some pupils did smoke but misbehaviour was restricted to the odd, discreet bottle of cider, she said.

"Sex inevitably raised its head. But pupils were very conscious of the problems it would cause if it happened in the full sense. A.S. Neill was worried that if the school gained a reputation for children having sex it would provide a reason for possible closure."

Mrs Jackson said, however, that she will not send her two children to Summerhill, but only because she does not want them to board.

Albert Lamb, 45, went to Summerhill between 1961 and 1965 before studying film at New York University. His daughter, Jasmine, 17, and son Roli, 15, also attended. He said: "Summerhill teaches children responsibility at an early age. The older kids really have to run the school and carrying that authority around is tremendous experience."

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Accidents at work cost up to £16bn a year

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UP TO £16 billion a year is lost because of accidents at work and work-related ill-health, according to the Health and Safety Executive.

New figures from the government agency, said to be the most comprehensive estimates of the cost of accidents, prompted sharp attacks from trade unions on government and employer safety practices.

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, emphasised the "huge price" of accidents made clear by the HSE report, and said that seven out of ten accidents at work occurred because managers failed to take adequate precautions.

Judith Church, health and safety officer for the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union, said the findings exposed "the lunacy of the government's health and safety policy", which did not grasp that economic success and good health and safety standards went hand in hand.

The HSE concluded that the annual cost of work-based accidents and ill-health was £11-16 billion — 2-3 per cent of gross domestic product. Each year there are about 1.6 million accidents at work and 2.2 million people suffer from ill-health caused or exacerbated by conditions at work. Thirty million working days are lost as a result.

Parents fear a repeat of Bulger abduction

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE spectre of James Bulger's abduction is still etched in the memories of British parents more than a year after he was murdered, according to a survey published today.

Out of 1,000 parents interviewed this year, 97 per cent cited the possible abduction of their children as their greatest fear. Many said that video images of the two-year-old being taken by his killers were fresh in their minds.

Kidscape, the children's charity, conducted the survey to assess the effects of a safety campaign launched last year. Nine out of ten parents who saw the campaign began teaching their children how to respond if they were approached by strangers.

Michele Elliott, the charity's founder and director, said: "Spontaneous recall of those television images was demonstrated by parents. It seems that the James Bulger case has focused parents' minds on the dangers facing their children."

The survey showed that almost all parents regarded the world now as a more dangerous place for children than when they were young. Drugs, alcohol, promiscuous sex and Aids were considered to be daily threats to their children's welfare.

Motorists offered new route to appeal over parking fines

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S first parking ticket adjudicator yesterday promised "rough but fair justice" for some of the thousands of motorists who each year believe they have been unfairly treated by traffic wardens.

Caroline Sheppard, 42, is part of the government-backed effort to decriminalise parking offences and remove from police and magistrates' courts the burden of dealing with contested cases.

From July all traffic wardens in London will be employed by local authorities, rather than the police, and Miss Sheppard and her team, financed by the councils, will act as judge and jury for motorists who consider they have been the target of over-zealous officials.

Other cities, including York, Coventry and Bristol, are considering appointing adjudicators.

Miss Sheppard promises a free, friendly and fast service. She has heard about 30 cases so far, coming down in favour of the motorist in about 60 per cent of them. Her team will handle up to 100,000 cases a year.

Motorists can visit her office and discuss their case sitting round a table, or can write in detailing their complaints. "I promise drivers rough but fair justice, although if they lose their appeals that is tough," she said.

Miss Sheppard, who has received six parking tickets, spent 16 years as a clerk in magistrates' courts and believes she has heard every excuse in the book. "One man said he had to park on double yellow lines because he was buying a python and didn't want to carry it through the streets. His case collapsed when he couldn't produce a receipt."

Other drivers undergo a strange metamorphosis. "County ladies down for the Chelsea Flower Show suddenly become hysterical monsters. It's all to do with the psychology of car ownership."

Last year more than two million parking tickets were issued in London, resulting in about 20,000 contested cases at magistrates' courts.



Sheppard: team will hear up to 100,000 cases a year

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Queen sacrifice

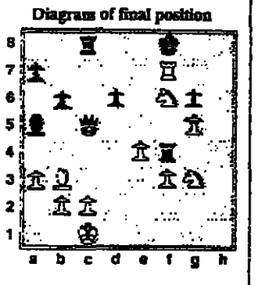
Noel Gallagher of Glasgow has sent me the following game. The key is the queen sacrifice on move 31.

White: Noel Gallagher
Black: H Richter
club match, 1993

Sicilian defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bc4	Qb6
7	Nb3	Bg4
8	f3	Bh5
9	g4	Bg6
10	Qe2	e5
11	Bg5	Be7
12	0-0-0	0-0
13	Bxf6	gxf6
14	Nd5	Qd8
15	Nd2	Kh8
16	a3	Nd4
17	Qe3	Qd7
18	Nf1	Qa4
19	Rxd4	exd4
20	Qxd4	Bd8
21	Qc3	Re8
22	Bb3	Cd7
23	Ng3	Rg8
24	h4	Qc6
25	h5	Qc5
26	hxg6	fxg6
27	Qd2	Rg7
28	Qf4	Rf7
29	g5	Ba5
30	Nxf6	b8
31	Nxh7	Rd4
32	Nf6+	Kg7
33	Rh7+	Kf8
34	Rf7	checkmate

Diagram of final position



Readers' games

Readers are invited to submit their games to me c/o *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN.

Nice results

At the tournament in Nice the scores were: Mitkov (Macedonia) 8 points; Efimov (Georgia) 7.5; Palac (Croatia) 7; Santo-Roman 6.5; Lamoureux 6; Bacrot, Anic, Prie and Markotic (Croatia) all 5.5; Relange 4; Touzane 3; Tasic 2. Players French unless stated.

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Computer games to have cinema-style ratings

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE computer and video games industry has introduced a voluntary cinema-style ratings system to give guidance on the amount of violence and sex.

All games will carry a sticker indicating the suitability of the product for four age groups. The game based on Walt Disney's *Aladdin* will be classified as suitable for all ages. A game derived from the film *Jurassic Park* will be marked as unsuitable for under 11s while the more violent Mortal Kombat series will be specified as unsuitable for under 15s.

Roger Bennett, general secretary of the European Leisure Software Publishers Association, which represents leading games manufacturers, said there was also an 18-plus classification but none of the games on the market would *qualify for that rating.*

Mr Bennett said the system was needed not only to protect children but also to reassure parents, many of whom suffered from "technophobia" and found computer and video games inaccessible. The move follows growing public concern about the effect of violent material on children. Geoffrey Carver of the Professional Teachers Association said: "We welcome this measure, but would like to see more research into the effects of computer games.

"We are concerned that computer games can be addictive and lead to withdrawn behaviour. They might even heighten aggression after children have played them as they copy the action they have seen on the screen and retreat into a kind of fantasy world." Mr Carver was particularly concerned about the development of more realistic graphics, and the increasing use of violent themes. In Mortal Kombat, by Sega, characters rip out opponents' organs.

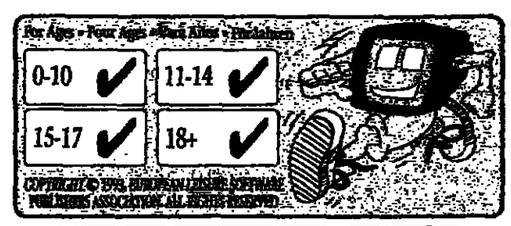
The new system will be linked to guidelines introduced in specialist retailers, which require shop assistants to judge whether a customer is old enough to buy a game. Also, shops are distributing a leaflet for parents which requests their co-operation in helping to implement the rating system.

These measures are part of the games industry's effort to avoid statutory regulation. Peter Luff, Tory MP for Worcester, said that legislation would be introduced to control games unless the industry, worth £750 million a year in the UK, could show it was cleaning up its act.

The games are exempt from the statutory classification system operated by the British Board of Film Classification as they have digitised rather than film images.

The new ratings system will be monitored by the Video Standards Council. John Pascoe of the council said: "There will be ethical and moral criteria included in the ratings system, as well as practical considerations."

The manufacturer will be responsible for choosing the rating for its products, but the council will be able to challenge it. Companies found to have abused the system will be disciplined and could be thrown out of the European association.



The new sticker to show the suitability of each game



PETER TRIEVNOR

Athlete Sally Gunnell with Lee Atkinson, 7, from Co Durham, who received a Child of Achievement award for learning to walk after being born with cerebral palsy

Lawyers face fines over court delays

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS who fail to estimate the length of their cases and cause damaging delays for other litigants may be fined, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Mr Justice Hall said that inaccurate estimates caused disruption, inconvenience, substantial delays in court work and prejudiced other cases. His comments in the High Court family division came at the end of a seven-day hearing that lawyers had estimated would take three days.

The judge said that in future lawyers who were guilty of failing to estimate case lengths accurately could find themselves having their "minds concentrated" by financial penalties.

Referring to sensitive cases involving the care of children, he said: "Most have been waiting a long time — too long — to come on. A badly estimated child case which overruns prejudices the next, equally urgent, child case."

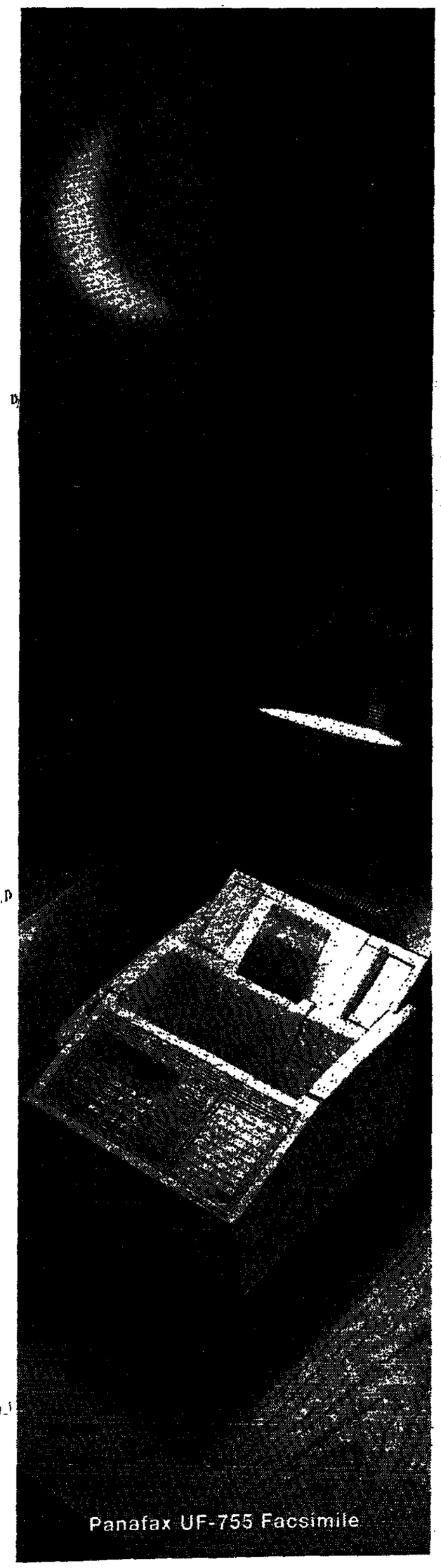
He said that all judges working in the family division had experienced delays. He said it caused "a real sense of frustration" when he saw the dismay on the faces of the litigants told that their cases would come on months rather than weeks later.

"We are all constrained to work within the system, and one of the critical factors which ensures that the limited resources available are properly utilised is accurate estimation of the likely length of cases," Mr Justice Hall said.

He said that delays in getting cases to trial could tempt lawyers to underestimate the length of a case in the hope that a shorter case would get to court sooner. But he said: "That temptation should be resisted. The premise upon which it is based is fallacious. If a case is truly urgent, it will be heard, irrespective of its length."

The judge said that a serious underestimation of a case's length could result in it being removed from the list. "Cases that are adjourned or which overrun cause increasing congestion in the lists and prejudice following cases," he said. "They represent a problem that can only be resolved by the profession concentrating its mind on providing proper estimates of time."

He said that courts had that power to impose financial penalties in appropriate cases.



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EC blocks ban on powerful motorbikes

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN STRASBOURG

MEPs last night effectively killed off a planned EC ban on high-performance motorbikes.

Flexing new powers invested in them by the Maastricht treaty, they voted by 300 votes to 24, with 13 abstentions, to "intend to reject" the ban. The plan will now go to a "conciliation committee", effectively throwing out the legislation.

The European Commission, the EC's unelected executive body, has been trying to ban the manufacture and import of motorbikes of more than 100 brake horsepower across Europe. High-speed motorbikes, it claims, are responsible for the majority of motorcycle accidents.

MEPs said this was unfounded and that a ban would harm European manufacturers' chances of getting back into a Japanese-dominated market.

Last night, the parliament rejected the plans for a second time, this time using new legislative powers under the Maastricht treaty. The proposals had the support of all EC countries except Britain.

Peter Beazley, Tory MEP for Bedfordshire South, said: "Here we are with a great market which we are not supplying. It is jobs, money and technology, and we are just not getting into it."

Triumph Motorcycles Ltd, Britain's only volume manufacturer of motorbikes, said any ban would harm its sales and put an expansion scheme in doubt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two men in court over fire death

Two men appeared before magistrates yesterday charged with the murder of an amateur footballer.

Ryan Keen, 20, who played for Nantwich Town, died in hospital in Manchester from burns after a fire at a house in Nantwich on Saturday. Police said the cause was inflammable liquid. Andrew Card, 32, a roofer of Crewe, and Barry Oliver, 30, a window cleaner of Nantwich, were remanded in custody.

Rugby charge

William Hardy, 24, of Chiswick, west London, was remanded on bail accused of the manslaughter of Seamus Lavelle during a rugby match. Mr Lavelle, 30, of Colindale, north London, died after suffering brain injuries.

Vicar accused

The Rev Franklin Huntress, 60, vicar of Long Bennington, Lincolnshire, has been suspended from his duties after being charged with indecently assaulting a 15-year-old boy.

Guns stolen

Eighty-nine double-barrel shotguns were stolen from a lorry while the driver slept in a layby at Cassington, Oxfordshire. The guns were on the way to Leicestershire.

Llama watch

A llama has been drafted in by a Kent farmer to protect his lambs from foxes. Jamie Freeman said he got the idea from American farmers who use llamas to ward off coyotes.

Duke leads hunt for king's treasure

BY ANDREW COLLIER

ANOTHER search to find the submerged hulk of King Charles I's treasure barge begins in the Firth of Forth today. It could prove to be the most important underwater finding in British waters since the raising of the *Mary Rose* in 1982.

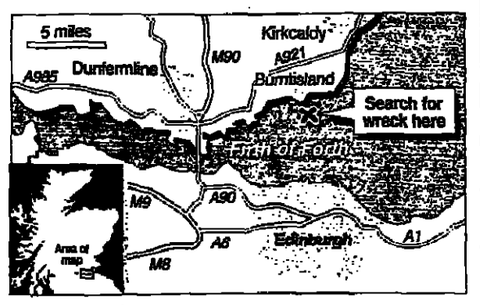
The Royal Navy minesweeper HMS *Cottesmore*, commanded by the Duke of York, is using its sonar to sweep the area to try to find the *Blessing of Burntisland*. The vessel sank in a storm in 1633 while carrying Charles's baggage across the forth during his first tour as King of Scotland.

Detailed analysis last year located possible targets in 90ft of water off Burntisland, on the Fife side of the river.

The project team, led by Barry Clifford, an American underwater explorer, believes that rich pickings await them. The barge is understood to have been carrying a 280-piece silver dinner service commissioned by Henry VIII.

Searchers are optimistic that the mud-covered vessel may be intact and in a condition that will allow it to be raised whole from the seabed. Because much material from Stuart times was destroyed under Cromwell, any items discovered may help to fill gaps in historical knowledge.

Mr Clifford said yesterday: "We cannot guarantee to find the *Blessing of Burntisland* right away because there are so many wrecks. But by investigating each target and through a process of elimination, we are confident we will strike it lucky."



How leading light in the party was eclipsed by clash of ideals



Smith: will be relieved to lose thorn in side

*The Labour Party maverick, Bryan Gould, who is to quit politics, suffered from being too clever, too inconsistent and too foreign. **Jill Sherman** writes*

Bryan Gould, who is to bow out of British politics at the age of 55, after nearly 20 years as an MP, suffered from being too clever, from being a New Zealander and from an inconsistent image.

Once seen as an arch moderniser, he recently hit out at John Smith for siding with the wealthy and abandoning the party's core supporters. Attempts to court both the left and the right have meant that neither side has ever fully accepted him.

While his colleagues respect and admire his intellect and enthusiasm, the man who admits to lunching with Michael Portillo has always been regarded as a bit of a maverick. "He ploughs his own furrow" one colleague said. His antipathy to Mr Smith and his anti-European views, which led to his resignation from the shadow cabinet in 1992, also stymied any chance of gaining a foothold in the party's powerbase in recent years.

Many claim that the party has suffered as a consequence and that Mr Gould's energy, ideas and talents are badly missed. However, those close to the leadership are relieved that the one remaining thorn in Mr Smith's side will finally be removed.

Mr Gould arrived in Britain as a Rhodes scholar at Balliol, Oxford, aged 23. He joined the Labour Party two years later. After a spell in the Foreign Office he returned to academic life in Oxford as a law don before winning the Southampton Test seat in October 1974, but losing it in 1979. Mr Gould spent the next four years as a television reporter and presenter, before returning to Westminster as MP for Dagenham in 1983. After his success as campaign co-ordinator in the 1987 general election, he was tipped as a future party leader.

Then, the boyish, charming and ambitious politician was one of the leading lights in the party. Those working with him on the 1987 campaign were particularly impressed with the ease with which he took over running the show and his professionalism. Although Labour lost the election he won widespread credit for his efforts, and was duly rewarded with big successes in the shadow Cabinet and national executive elections.

Shortly after the election Mr Gould was the first member of the shadow Cabinet to call for a fundamental review of some of Labour's key policies in an attempt to appeal to the real world rather than just party activists. However, just as his star was rising he made a couple of political blunders. At the 1987 party conference he was heckled after advocating share ownership. Then he made it clear that he coveted and deserved the job of shadow Chancellor. He was bitterly disappointed when Neil Kinnock gave the post to Mr Smith. Mr Gould was given trade and industry, but he sparred with Mr Smith on economic policy.

Two years later he was moved to the less sensitive shadow environment post, where he clashed with Mr Kinnock over Labour's alternative to the poll tax.

His political star was already on the wane when Labour was defeated in the 1992 general election. Mr Gould had nothing to lose when he decided to challenge Mr Smith for the Labour leadership and to run against Margaret Beckett as his deputy. His odds against beating Mrs Beckett lengthened after he criticised Mr Smith's shadow Budget during the campaign.

The thorn was truly embedded in Mr Smith's side. Mr Gould continued to speak out against Maastricht and Labour's economic policy. After a humiliating defeat in the leadership elections he was appointed shadow heritage secretary. Two months later he resigned at the party conference, dismissing the shadow cabinet as "a gag and straitjacket that suppressed real debate". Since then he has concentrated on drawing up an alternative economic policy, based on higher taxes and higher spending. Yesterday, however, he conceded that Mr Smith would never sign up to his ideas.

Labour puts Commons business in danger

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

LABOUR'S guerrilla tactics yesterday brought the work of a select committee to a halt, and Opposition leaders threatened to "shut down the Commons within days" by stopping any legislation passing through Parliament.

Senior backbenchers will try today to defuse the dispute after relations between the two main parties plumbed new depths. Dr Keith Hampson, a Tory member of the Trade and Industry Select Committee, tabled a motion of no-confidence in Richard Caborn, the committee's Labour chairman. Dr Hampson retaliated against Labour's decision to block the committee's planned visit to South Africa this month, the latest in a series of moves aimed at disrupting Commons business.

The Tory-dominated committee was warned last night that, if the motion was carried next week, Labour's campaign of non co-operation would be intensified rapidly to bring Commons business to a halt.

Senior Labour members said the party would withdraw MPs from all committees, effectively halting the behind-the-scenes work of Parliament and slowing down legislation, such as the Criminal Justice Bill, currently being discussed by standing committees.

Today the all-party Commons Liaison Committee, comprising the chairmen of all the select committees and other senior MPs, will hear Mr Caborn's account of yesterday's events and attempt to avert a crisis.

However, several Tory committee chairmen have voiced their annoyance at Labour's recent tactic of blocking foreign visits by refusing to allow its MPs to miss Commons business.

Sir Anthony Grant, a Tory member of the Trade and Industry Committee, accused Labour of "gross interference" with the work of select committees. "It is not for Labour to decide where we should and should not go when we are trying to investigate an issue in as much detail as possible."

The committee, which is examining trade links with southern Africa, has now deferred the planned publishing date of its report, which was due to be out before the South African elections in April.

Labour's strategy of non co-operation strategy, aimed at forcing Conservatives to remain at the Commons for late-night votes by withdrawing the "pairing" agreement, began in December in protest at the Government's decision to cut short debate on measures contained in the Budget.

More divisions between backbenchers will emerge next month when the first detailed enquiry for nearly 20 years into the funding of political parties faces acrimonious collapse. A deep split between Tory and Labour MPs investigating party funding has dashed tory hopes that the long-awaited cross-party Commons report might reach uncontroversial conclusions.

After months of deliberation, members of the Home Affairs Select Committee have conceded that hopes of producing a unanimous report at the end of March are now futile. The Tory-dominated committee, which had been due to report last year, is now likely to be split between a majority report agreed by Conservative members and a minority set of conclusions published by Opposition MPs.

Such a move will draw Conservatives into renewed controversy over the number of donations paid by contributors living overseas and the lack of information provided about some of the party's large donors. The Government will face renewed calls from Labour to ban overseas donations to parties, introduce shareholders' ballots before companies make donations and to set up a national regulatory system controlling funding.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Opposition debate on Child Support Agency.
Lords (3): Local Government (Wales) Bill, report. River Calder (Welbeck Site) Bill, 3rd reading.

Departing Gould leads from the sidelines

Bryan Gould has set an example which other MPs should follow. The puzzled reaction yesterday of other MPs to his decision to leave the Commons at the age of 55 for a rewarding job, as a university vice-chancellor in his native New Zealand, shows what is wrong now. Most politicians cannot understand why anyone should voluntarily give up life at Westminster.

But then Mr Gould has never been a conventional career politician. He had a life before politics, as a diplomat and an Oxford law don. He has always had a detached attitude, in part because he is an outsider to British politics. After losing Southampton Test in 1979, he was less distraught than most other former MPs are on defeat, even though he was keen to get back to the Commons. After returning, for Dagenham, in 1983, he was soon a success on the frontbench and, as campaigns co-ordinator during the 1987 election, he personified the more youthful, outward-looking image which Labour needed.

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He appeared to be the archetypal moderniser before his time. But that was always misleading since his views, particularly his opposition to closer British involvement in the European Community (now Union) and to anything smacking of monetarism, put him increasingly at odds with the leadership. MPs questioned his judgment.

This conflict doomed his campaign for the Labour leadership in 1992. He completed the process of self-destruction when he resigned from the shadow Cabinet over Europe in September 1992. Since then he has become more isolated. He spoke against the Maastricht Treaty and founded the Full Employment Forum to advocate a Keynesian alternative to the mainstream Labour approach. But he was on the outside.

Mr Gould summed up his predicament yesterday: "Rather than remain as a carping critic lamenting on the sidelines things I cannot change, I would rather do something constructive with my life." This view was dismissed by John Prescott as "bad political judgment". But that underlines the blinkered Westminster viewpoint. Rather than hang around, with little prospect of office, and probably become embittered, Mr Gould has sensibly decided to seek a fulfilling life elsewhere. Prominent Labour politicians have from time to time taken up other jobs in mid-career: Alf Robens became chairman of the National Coal Board in 1961 and Eric Varley quit the Commons for business in 1984. On the Tory side, Sir Leon Brittan has accomplished much more as a European Commissioner than he would have done in the Commons. But they are exceptions.

Parliament would benefit from more politicians with a similar approach. Too many MPs remain in the Commons until their late 60s or 70s, contributing little. But as I argued in my recent book *Honest Opportunism: the rise of the career politician*, that is symptomatic of the rise of a new breed of full-time politicians, committed from their early 20s, if not earlier. An increasing number of MPs have never done "proper" jobs outside of politics. Nearly a third of the MPs first elected in 1992 had previously been special advisers to ministers, on the staff of parties, trade unions, full-time councillors or consultants. Having worked so hard to get selected as candidates and then elected as MPs, they want to stay in the Commons for as long as possible. Of the 75 MPs who left the Commons at their own wish at the last election, just nine were as young as Mr Gould now is. Instead of pitying Mr Gould, as some MPs were doing yesterday, they should envy him.

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MICHAEL POWELL



Bryan Gould, the Labour MP, turning his back on Westminister yesterday

High-flyer who gave hope to citizens

By Edward Gorman

AT TIMES the citizens of Dagenham, Bryan Gould's northeast London constituency since 1983, acknowledge that they have been frankly confused by their dynamic MP.

Many of his constituents admitted to being only vaguely aware of his views, say on Europe, on the way the Labour Party ought to be heading, the effectiveness of the current leadership, or the economy.

But even among those who have never voted for him in the somewhat faded home of Ford cars, there was only praise yesterday for a constituency MP regarded as hard-working and effective.

Dagenham, as much as anywhere in Britain, has needed a high-profile operator and Mr Gould has fitted the bill. As Bill Little, secretary of the local Labour Party and Mr Gould's agent at the last general election, put it: "Dagenham amounts to little more than one large housing estate" which was originally built as part of slum clearance in the 1920s and then added to as the huge Ford plant grew to employ more than 25,000 people.

These days the Ford operation has shrunk dramatically, with fewer than 10,000 workers knocking out Fiesta cars on round-the-clock shifts. Dagenham now has unemployment running at 2 per cent above the national average. At the very least Mr Gould has helped to stem the decline, fighting to keep the jobs at Ford and elsewhere and campaigning hard but unsuccessfully, for extra EC development funding for the area.

"I think he's raised the profile of Dagenham — it was never a very well known area. It is partly because he has become well known himself," reflected Mr Little. "I think Bryan felt comfortable with people because his sort of traditional Labour values struck a chord with skilled and semi-skilled workers here."

Some see his departure as a great loss not only for Dagenham. "The majority of people in our office argue that he would have made an excellent Prime Minister eventually," said one local businesswoman, who did not wished to be named. "Certainly he would have made a better Leader of the Labour Party than the one we have at the moment."

Whitehall wasted cash meant for jobless

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

UP TO £48 million intended for helping the unemployed was wasted through Civil Service inefficiency, MPs reported yesterday.

Mistakes, failures of financial management and inadequate staffing led to an Employment Department computer system being abandoned. Even after problems had been found in the system, managers failed to assess the dangers of extending "an already high-risk project", says a report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee.

The MPs' criticisms will add to pressure on ministers to tighten up on waste and mismanagement in the public sector. Yesterday's comments follow a report by the committee detailing 21 cases of "serious failures" in government departments and public bodies in recent years.

The Field computer system was set up in 1988 to help local and regional offices to implement training and enterprise programmes but was abandoned last year after £48 million had been spent. According to the report, "at least a significant part of the expenditure of £48 million by the department on this project has been wasted. This was money that could have been spent on providing training for unemployed people."

The report says that most Training and Enterprise Councils were using the system partially or not at all by 1992. "We consider this a very inadequate outcome to the investment of £48 million."

A "haphazard" system of appointing about 200 outside consultants meant that consultancy costs, originally estimated at £1.3 million, soared to £11 million. The use of so many consultancies cast doubt on the department's control of the outside firms "as well as the accuracy of their financial planning for the project".

After detailing a host of criticisms, the MPs concluded that "we do not share the department's view that the system can be regarded as any sort of success, even a partial one. In our view, with so few clear benefits, this expenditure does not represent value for money for the taxpayer."

The MPs said that staff responsible for the project "did not possess the necessary background and experience".



Jet breaks the language barrier

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE two-year delay and rising cost of the four-nation Eurofighter aircraft was blamed yesterday on the workshare arrangement under which each country had to play a part in developing every piece of equipment.

MPs on the Commons Defence Committee were told that even the aircraft's two wings had to be built in four countries: Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain.

The MPs heard that Britain's share of the cost of developing the Eurofighter had increased by £450 million to £3.4 billion.

The prototype Eurofighter is due to have its inaugural flight in April, two years late. The main cause of the delay was the flight control system, the MPs were told. The difficulties were not helped by the fact that the software for the system was developed by all four partners, speaking different languages.

Mr Gordon said the time-wasting involved in shipping components around from country to country was one of the lessons learnt from the Eurofighter programme.

Britain had also hoped to use the management agency, set up to run the three-nation Tornado programme, for the Eurofighter project. However, Spain, which had not been part of the Tornado programme, rejected the proposal, so a separate management agency had to be formed.

Production of the Eurofighter which will replace the RAF's Jaguar and Tornado F3 squadrons, is due to begin next year, after Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, and his counterparts from Germany, Spain and Italy sign a new memorandum of understanding. The estimated total development and production cost for the four countries is currently £32 billion.

The RAF requirement was for 250 aircraft but this could increase if it took over other roles. This was under review, the MPs heard.

Power-hungry MEPs rewrite the rule-book

THE European parliament, swelled by its new legislative powers under the Maastricht Treaty, has had a rush of blood to the head (James Landale writes).

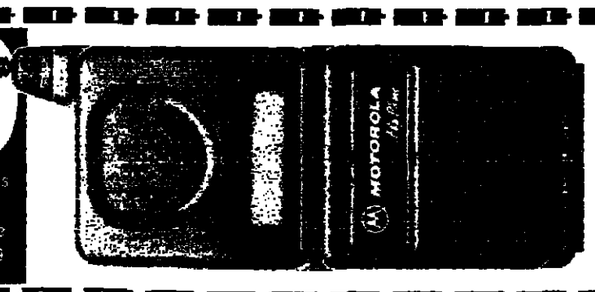
Not content with its new right to "co-decision making" with the 12 member state governments to shape much European Union law, it chose to spend several hours yesterday debating nothing less vital than a whole new EU constitution, which would increase its influence tenfold.

No matter that the European elections are only a few months away, yesterday Europe's democratic representatives felt that there was no time like the present to consider how to overturn the Maastricht Treaty. "It would be revolutionary," one official said.

The draft constitution called for the parliament to have the power to define the "general political guidelines of the Union"; to approve laws jointly with the Council of EC ministers; to elect the European Commission president; and to have the right to hold a vote of confidence in the Commission as a whole.

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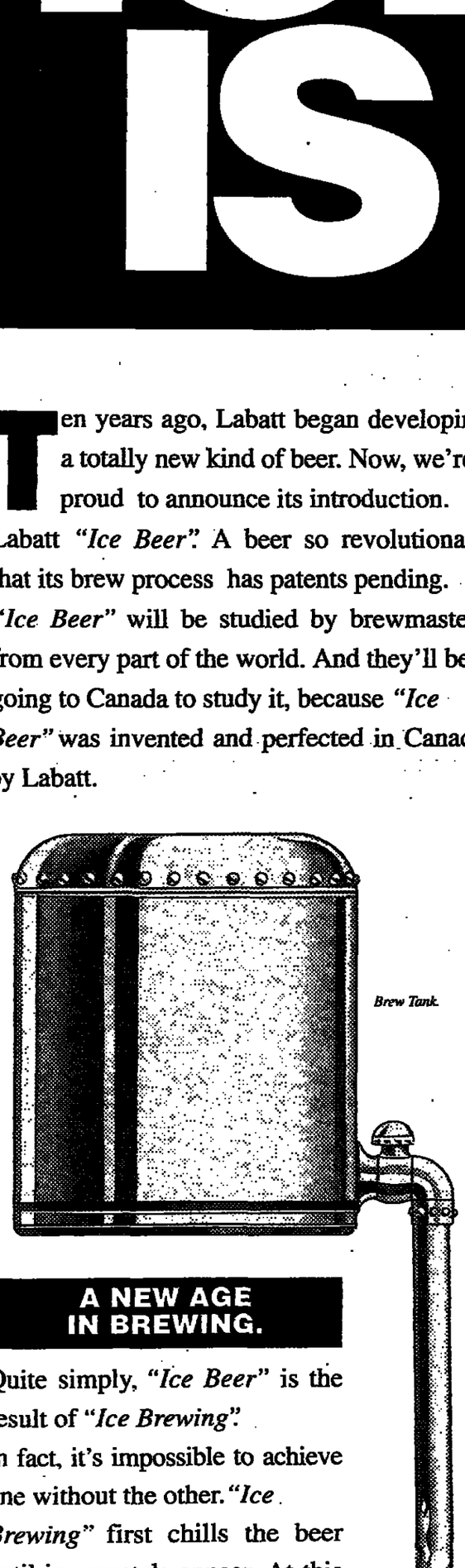
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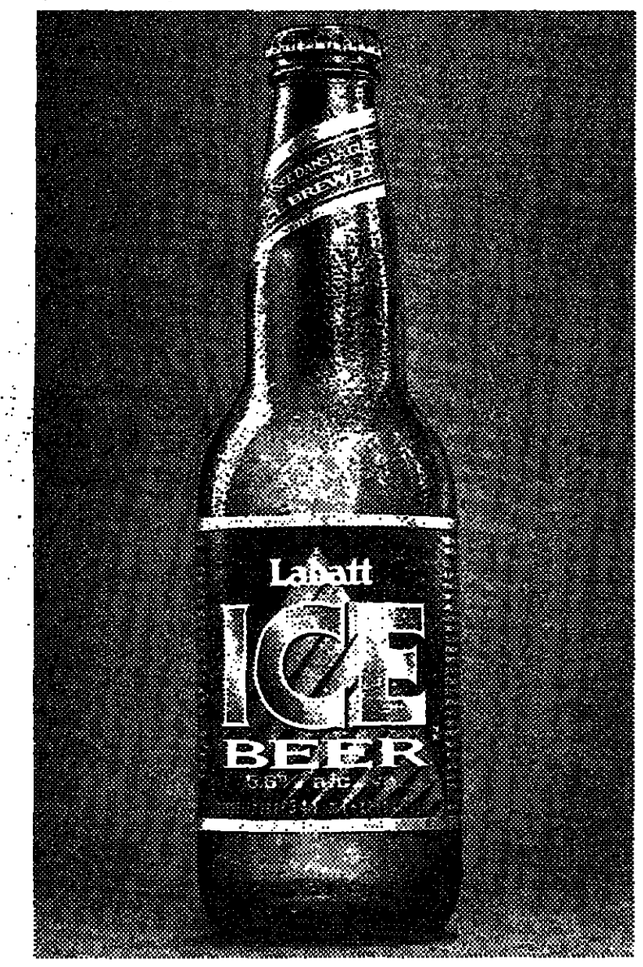
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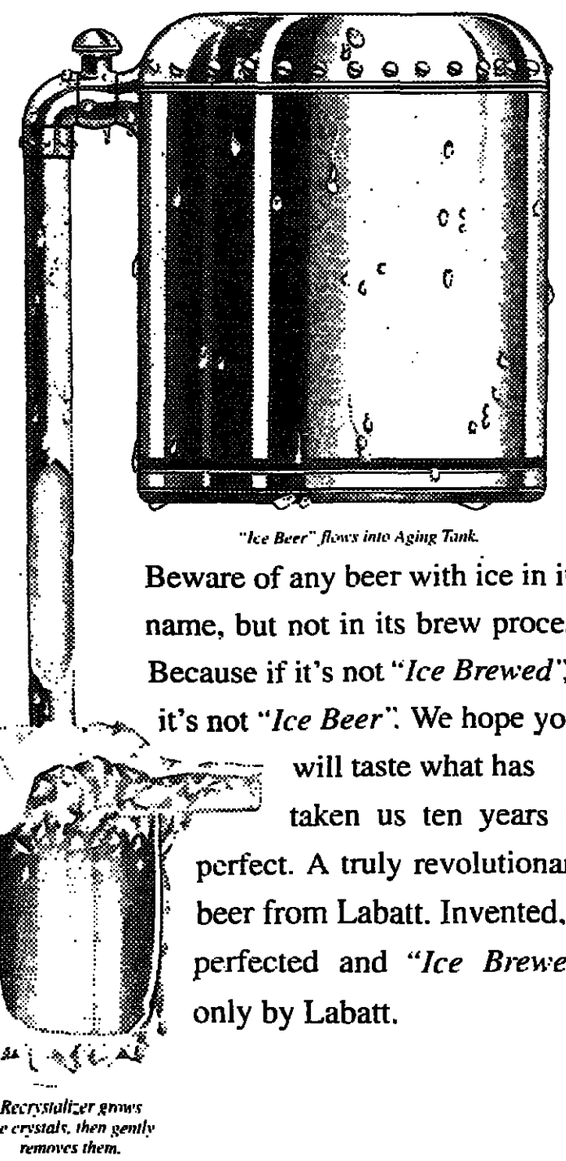
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Bribe case link mars election hopes of Italian media chief

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi, the Italian media magnate, hit a snag in his boisterous campaign to become the country's Prime Minister in the elections on March 27 when his brother, Paolo, was accused yesterday of bribing officials at a leading bank.

Paolo Berlusconi has for some time been the television tycoon's right-hand man and has acted as his faithful lieutenant in the important business negotiations that have made him the richest individual in Italy.

In a Milan court yesterday, Giuseppe Clerici, a businessman, told Antonio di Pietro, the prosecutor, that Paolo Berlusconi had paid 1.1 billion lire (£440,000) to officials of the Cariplo Bank. The money was allegedly paid in return for their arranging, between 1983 and 1986, the sale of three blocks of flats in the fashionable "Milan 3" estate developed by the brothers.

According to Signor Clerici, who is under arrest for his dealings with Cariplo, some of the money paid by Paolo Berlusconi was destined for politicians of the Socialist and Christian Democratic parties. Paolo strongly denied the allegation. "I have never paid bribes. I had only working relations with Clerici. We sold that property below the market price," he insisted yesterday.

Commentators, however, said the appearance of the name of Paolo Berlusconi in the records of the enquiry by Milan's team of anti-corruption magistrates might not help his politician brother's fortunes. The amount of the alleged bribe is relatively small by the standards of some discovered in the corruption scandal that has engulfed



Silvio Berlusconi: his TV stations accused of bias

Italy during the past two years. Nevertheless, in the climate of popular outrage over corruption now prevalent, some politicians have seen their careers ruined or at least severely damaged by much more trifling sums.

Undeterred, Silvio Berlusconi pressed on with his ebullient electoral campaign. At the same time he moved to counter criticism that his three private television stations are not being even-handed in their political coverage by appointing Gianni Letta, a well-known media figure, as editorial director of his Fininvest group with a brief to ensure the objectivity of political coverage.

"This seems to be an assumption of responsibility on Berlusconi's part," *Il Messaggero di Roma* commented. It added that it was now up to the public and the experts to judge if the appointment had the desired effect. In fact, Signor Berlusconi's anti-Communist crusade means that the election will be fought out on television more than in any other forum.

Criticism of his channels for giving his Forza Italia (Go On, Italy) political clubs too much exposure has now rebounded on the state-run RAI's three channels, two of which frequently and blatantly support the Democratic Party of the Left (formerly the Communists) and its allies in the Progressive Alliance, who are together favoured to win the election.

"The RAI, as a public service, has a particular duty to [preserve] balance," Paolo Bonaiuti said in *Il Messaggero*. In addition, he said, RAI "receives citizens' licence fees, including the fees of those who support Forza Italia".



The Maid of Orléans, shown as a noble warrior in this drawing, becomes a New Age feminist in the film *Jeanne la Pucelle*

Joan the feminist conquers France

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

Modern France has three great heroes of resistance: Charles de Gaulle, Astérix the Gaul and Joan of Arc. For the past decade the Maid of Orléans has been held hostage as the icon of the far-right National Front, but that could change with the release yesterday of an epic film.

Nearly six hours long, *Jeanne la Pucelle* (Joan the Maid), directed by Jacques Rivette, is being accorded the treatment of a national event, one of those increasingly common moments in which a disoriented France looks for its bearings through culture. Only five months ago the government fought the Americans over the world General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade under the banner of Emile Zola's *Germinal*, starring Gérard Depardieu.

Libération gushed yesterday over the lessons Joan offered not just for France, but for Bosnia-Herzegovina and a world threatened with a return to the Middle Ages. On its front page *Le Monde's* cartoon showed a confused Joan rushing to fight the English with a director telling her: "Okay, Joan, you kick out the Serbs, without really kicking them out."

Only non-readers and television-phobes could be unaware that Sandrine Bonnaire, an actress with a rebellious streak and an affection for motorcycle jackets, plays Joan, the most popular historical heroine. Not for her was Joan, burnt by the English at the age of 19, the demure virgin martyr. Her Joan is a New Age individualist, a confident feminist fulfilling an inner drive. The voices who told the Lorraine peasant girl to go to the Dauphin's aid are not heard.

"I wanted to show her not as a myth but as a real woman, a very young one, who laughed and joked and played," Bonnaire said on one of her many television appearances. The actress, who says she had never entered a church until she took the part, now identifies with the Maid and has also written a book on the making of the film.

Rivette, who made his name with the recent *La Belle Noiseuse* and a handful of long films, says he wanted to tell the story of Joan like a Western and avoid the legends which have surrounded the figure since she was effectively re-invented in the 19th century. Between 1431, when Joan was burnt, and the Victorian age, the girl warrior was largely ignored as a national symbol except by Voltaire, who dismissed her as an "unfortunate idiot". The 19th century turned her into the incarnation of France.

Her memory was fought over by the left and the religious right. She was canonised in 1920 and during the Second World War Marshal Pétain turned her into the figurehead of the Vichy regime while General de Gaulle took her cross of Lorraine as the Free French symbol. Rivette notes that "Joan had a De Gaulle side to her and the general thought very often about her." The Pucelle's letter to the English from Poitiers was echoed by De Gaulle's call to arms on June 18, 1940.

The critics have reacted with reverence and some awe towards the Rivette epic, with only a few grumbling that the battle scenes are short on numbers. "A miracle in action," concluded *Le Monde*. Illustrious Joan scholars are also hailing it for faithful depiction of history. "This film is beautiful because it is true," said Régine Pernoud, author of a series of respected Joan studies.

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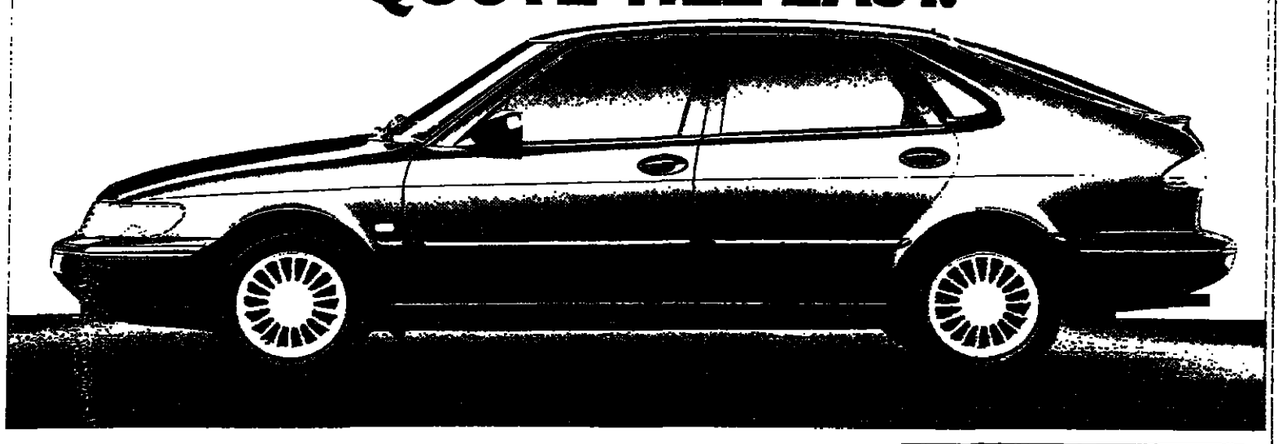
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Turkey's growing financial woes dim Ciller's star

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

SIR Leon Brittan will be asked to pick up a bill for £4 billion when he has lunch today with Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minster.

This is the compensation Turkey is demanding for bringing down the last of its tariff barriers with the European Union. It may also be part of the price Mrs Ciller requires to extricate herself from financial troubles that threaten her political career.

The visit by Sir Leon, the European Trade Commissioner, coincides with a post-devaluation crisis in Turkey that casts some shadow over the country's ability to abandon protectionism altogether and enter into full customs union with Europe by the end of 1995. Both Turkish and European sources maintain, however, that the main problem after a panic 12 per cent devaluation of the Turkish lira on January 26 is one of restoring confidence.

A furious debate is growing over Mrs Ciller's future — even within the True Path party which promoted her leader last June to give it a more progressive image.

Abroad Mrs Ciller, the secular woman leader of an overwhelmingly Muslim state, retains the power to stun. "Boy, is she hot," President Clinton told the White House press corps, in an off-microphone aside.

But at home her lustre is fading. Her handling of the recent pressure on the lira is widely regarded as having made a bad situation worse. Mrs Ciller risks being disowned by the very Istanbul business community which her party expected she could bring into line. These strains were reflected in the resignation a week ago of the head of the Central Bank.

Turkish voters will give their verdict on Mrs Ciller's administration in local elections on March 27. A big drop in True Path's overall national vote would lead to calls for Mrs Ciller's replacement — almost certainly by Husamettin Cindoruk, an aide of Suleyman Demirel. In such an event Mr Cindoruk, Speaker of the assembly, would, it is believed, press for a government of national unity to include the conservative Motherland Party.

Mrs Ciller will find only modest help from today's meeting with Sir Leon. European Union representatives in



Ciller: facing verdict of voters in local polls

Ankara say that the very most Turkey can claim is just over £1 billion in financial assistance which was either delayed at the time of the 1980 military coup or never considered because of Greek vetoes.

In the long run, customs union with Europe might force Turkey to go the extra 20 per cent in bringing her economy in line with international markets. In the short term, Mrs Ciller may have to confront an election and an unruly party without the option of cranking up the economy. Yet many advise against writing her off too soon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police seize hunted Eta guerrilla

Madrid: Jesús Garcia Corporales, 31, one of the most wanted Basque guerrillas in Spain, was detained yesterday in southwestern France (Edward Owen writes).

Accused of being a member of Eta's Madrid commando, he is said to have been behind the bomb last June that killed seven people and maimed three children on their way to the British Institute school. He was armed when arrested.

Gaviria setback

Bogotá: A Colombian court recommended that President Gaviria be tried for allowing 150 US troops into the country. Nationalists are claiming that they are on a secret mission against traffickers. *(Reuter)*

Tanker toll

Santo Domingo: The captain of a tanker that exploded south of the Dominican Republic is thought to be dead. Seven other crew are missing and 23 were rescued. *(AP)*

Wine protest

Rome: About 15,000 Italian wine farmers disrupted Rome's main rail and road traffic in a demonstration against moves to drain Europe's wine lake. *(Reuter)*

Dead in desert

Perth: Two brothers, aged 7 and 9, stranded in Western Australia's desert when their father's car broke down, died of thirst when they went with him for help. The father was found alive. *(Reuter)*

Trap fails

Dresden: Police deployed in a surprise clampdown on a thriving car smuggling trade along the Polish and Czech borders trapped only one victim. The poor showing is to be looked into. *(Reuter)*

Anti-Yeltsin MPs examine October days

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S parliament voted yesterday to launch its own investigation into the bloody events that followed President Yeltsin's dissolution of the legislature last September. Deputies in the Duma voted by 274 to 46, with 20 abstentions, to set up a commission "to investigate the reasons and circumstances of the events of September and October 1993".

The enquiry was proposed by Sergei Baburin, a nationalist deputy who is one of Mr Yeltsin's most prominent foes. "Until there is an objective investigation of the circumstances of the October events, there will be blood not only on the government but on the state Duma," he said.

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Offensive in southern Sudan

Khartoum bombers hit divided rebels

FROM DAVID CHAZAN IN PAGERI, SUDAN

THE battered Jeep, flagged down by Sudanese aid workers terrified by the all-too-familiar rumble of Soviet-built bombers in the cloudless sky, screeched to a halt under an acacia tree.

"Get out and lie flat. Quick, that's an Antonov up there," the aid workers shouted to the vehicle's load of reporters, who had only just set out from Nimule on the Ugandan border to drive into rebel-held southern Sudan. As the journalists dived for cover, four thunderous explosions shattered the midday calm as the plane attacked Pageri, a dusty village of 10,000 people in the sweltering bush 20 miles northeast of Nimule.

Sudan's Islamic fundamentalist military government denies sending warplanes and tens of thousands of troops against the black, mainly Christian south. Diplomats and relief workers, however, said the massive onslaught, which is driving 140,000 civilians towards Uganda, could be a final push to crush the southern rebellion that is draining Khartoum's coffers.

The palls of black smoke rising from Pageri, controlled by the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which has no aircraft, left little doubt about the government's relentless bombing campaign. Bullets crackled as they exploded in the blazing ruins of a building that apparently housed a rebel arsenal. But Mario Muor, a former SPLA officer now heading the movement's relief wing, said the building was in fact a military police post.

As flames engulfed beehive thatched huts, a woman with her toes and left kneecap blown off was carried out of a house, naked except for a cloth around her waist. She was driven to a makeshift hospital at a camp sheltering 21,000 homeless people in nearby Aswa, where two more bombs fell harmlessly.

The government appears to have taken advantage of an internal war within the SPLA to sweep south. Months after the 1991 split divided the rebel movement, Khartoum recovered most southern towns and the current offensive could herald the coup de grâce.

Asked whether the SPLA could hold back the army's two-prong advance towards Nimule, which seems to be aimed at cutting rebel supply lines from Uganda, Mr Muor said: "It's touch and go. Most of our forces are pinned down defending us from Riek." He was referring to the forces of Riek Mashar, head of the breakaway SPLA faction.

Twelve relief agencies yesterday complained that the fighting was disrupting their efforts to feed and care for about two million people, half the population of the south, a vast drought-stricken and undeveloped region of swamps and savannah that is twice the size of France.



Marked man: Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, with lipstick on his cheek, handing flowers to members of the Stuttgart dancing guard who were among carnival performers visiting the Bonn chancellery yesterday

Vesuvius threatens a million

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

AN ERUPTION of Vesuvius could engulf a million people within 15 minutes, causing disaster on an unprecedented scale, three scientists have calculated.

An area four miles in radius around the summit of the volcano would be wiped out at horrifying speed. They call for effective evacuation plans, new roads, and the depopulation of the area to diminish the risks. Better methods of forecasting eruptions are also needed.

Vesuvius, dormant since 1944, overlooks Naples. In AD 79 the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum were destroyed by an eruption.

Writing in *Nature*, Dr Flavio Dobran of New York University and Italian colleagues used data from past eruptions to create a computer model. Vesuvius has long been silent but no volcano is ever extinct, he contends.

White right faces election deadline

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

TALKS between the South African government, the African National Congress and the right-wing Freedom Alliance broke up without agreement yesterday. No plans were made to resume negotiations.

Although deadlines have been wonderfully flexible in the past, the three groups face a statutory deadline at the end of this week when parties, according to the new election law, must register their intention to contest the April election. The ANC, for example, announced that Nelson Mandela, the president, would register formally today.

If the members of the Freedom Alliance do not enter, their only real alternative is to take up resistance, either passive or armed, to enforce their views. Rowan Cronje, a minister in the government of the nominally independent black homeland of Bophuthatswana, who acts as chairman of the alliance, metaphorically threw his hands in the air after the latest talks, saying that unless the ANC was prepared to guarantee provincial constitutions against change there was no sense in carrying on negotiating about provincial powers.

"We are not slamming the door," Mr Cronje said, "but unless we can resolve this we cannot see a way forward."

General Constand Viljoen, the leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront, which is a member of the alliance, insisted yesterday that negotiation was still the only way to settle the issue of self-determination. He suggested that it was still possible that the Freedom Alliance, which also includes the governments of Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu, could register for the elections, but it was unlikely to participate unless its constitutional demands were met.

Mr Mandela told the National Union of Mineworkers in Pretoria that the ANC rejected the demand by rightwingers for an Afrikaner *volkstaat* and would never grant it. "But we are prepared to sit down and discuss with the Afrikaner Volksfront how we can accommodate their fears."

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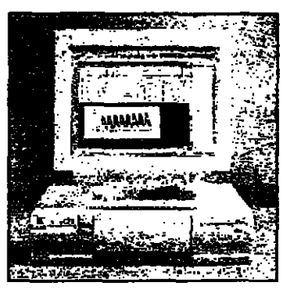
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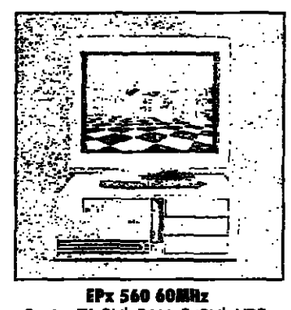
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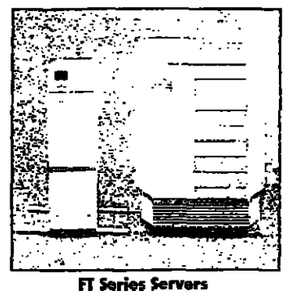
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Air strikes will silence Serb artillery besieging Sarajevo if warnings go unheeded

Ultimatum forces West into making hard choices

■ *Russian opposition to air strikes is seen in London as the single greatest threat to Nato's strategy. John Major's visit to Moscow next week is now seen as crucial*

BY GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL BINYON

NATO'S 16 ambassadors gathered yesterday to wrestle with a question that some of them must have hoped had disappeared with the end of the Cold War nuclear confrontation: how to fashion a credible threat from a deterrent you do not want to use. And not the least of Nato's worries is Russia's possible reaction to air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs.

As yesterday's Nato meeting absorbed the news of the latest Sarajevo ceasefire and pull-back agreement, the ambassadors must have wondered if they had achieved what once appeared impossible, if the mere organisation of this week's high-profile meetings

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in Brussels to debate air strikes against the Serb gun emplacements battering Sarajevo had helped clinch a deal that promises to end the bombardment of the city.

Although, in the oft-repeated phrase of Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, the "balance has shifted" towards Nato using air strikes to ease the siege of Sarajevo, the alliance's ambassadors yesterday faced now familiar dilemmas without enthusiasm. Can Nato discourage the gunners without being dragged into a full-scale Balkan war? Are the risks of spreading the fighting and a humiliating end to humanitarian aid deliveries worth taking?

The questions have not changed for months, but a series of ineffectual meetings and last Saturday's market-place massacre in Sarajevo forced the alliance to rethink its answers. Until that single mortar round killed 68 people, ministers at meetings of Nato, the United Nations and the European Union had talked much about using air strikes but had been relieved to find that UN headquarters in New York did not want them.

As the EU grandly invited Nato and the UN to liberate Sarajevo on Monday in the wake of a letter from Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, Nato's worried officials realised that another windy communiqué promising action at some unspecified future date would not do. "I really hope we are not stopped dead in the water once again," one Nato diplomat said before yesterday's meeting. "That would be an awful outcome."

Despite this, not one Nato government shows any sign of readiness to do anything more than fly a few sorties over Sarajevo. Even without taking into account the possible Russian reaction, opposition to deeper military engagement runs as deep as ever.

Implacable Russian opposition to air strikes is seen in London as the single greatest threat to Nato's strategy. As a result, John Major's visit to Moscow next week is now perceived as crucial in winning Kremlin support.

The Prime Minister and Mr Hurd will try to assess whether Russian opposition to air action marks a decisive break with previous Kremlin co-operation over policy in former Yugoslavia or is intended merely to demonstrate pro-Serb solidarity to assuage angry Russian nationalists.

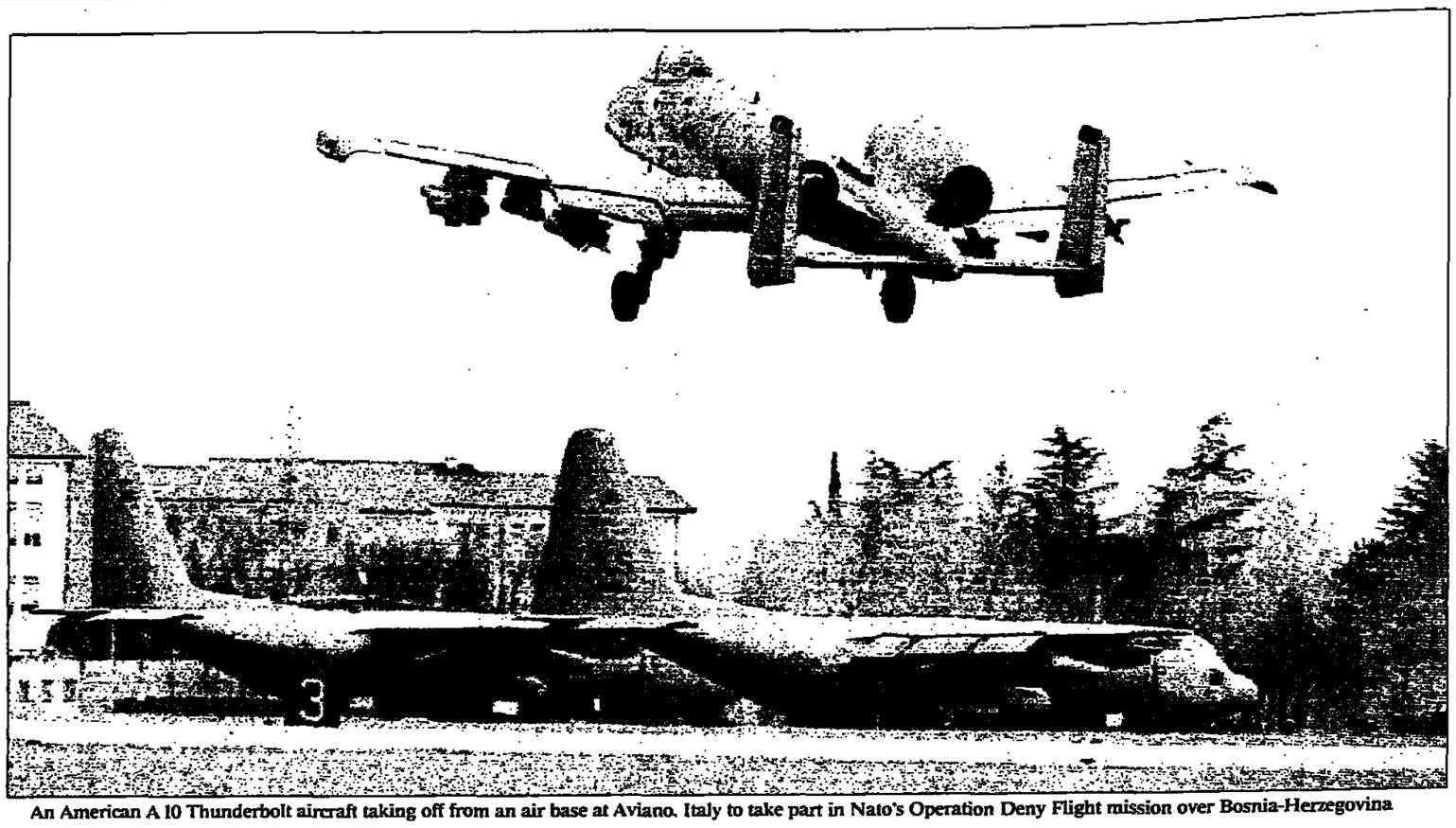
"It could be a very important time to be in Moscow," a Whitehall official said. He admitted that Britain had set aside its own earlier opposition to air strikes because the Government believed the political balance had changed after the attack on the Sarajevo market. "We judge that what is being proposed will, on balance, do more good than harm," he said.

The drawbacks and military doubts still remained valid, however, and British officials were adamant that the deployment of extra British ground troops was "not on". There was also a real risk that the threat of action against the Serbs would remove the pressure on the Bosnian Muslims to negotiate in Geneva. The officials emphasised that the West did not propose to lift the siege of Sarajevo. The Serbs were being asked only to withdraw their heavy guns, not to remove their infantry, and the West had no intention at this stage of forcing them to allow free access in and out of the besieged capital.

The mood in the Foreign Office was said yesterday to be "sombre". Mr Hurd with regret cancelled his proposed visit to South Africa, which was to have begun today, because of the crisis.

The lurch towards air strikes has been led by a French government that has seen 21 of its soldiers killed in Bosnia and which, having the largest contingent of troops there, is under fierce domestic pressure either to act against the Serbs or pull out. Yesterday's meeting divided into two camps over a joint French and American paper proposing that Nato set a seven or ten-day deadline by which all artillery had either to be withdrawn or under UN control. British officials, sounding doubtful about such a categorical threat on Monday were by Tuesday supporting the deadline. But several ambassadors had reservations. Greece, sympathetic to Serbia, repeated its objections to military intervention but said it would not block agreement if Nato planes did not fly from Greek territory.

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An American A 10 Thunderbolt aircraft taking off from an air base at Aviano, Italy to take part in Nato's Operation Deny Flight mission over Bosnia-Herzegovina



Manfred Wörner, the Secretary-General of Nato, opening alliance talks in Brussels yesterday

Mood darkens in Belgrade

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

AS NATO discussed air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs the mood in Belgrade was one of confusion and mixed emotions.

Above all the tone was set by a two-hour special television programme shown on Tuesday night with a live link-up to the Bosnian Serb capital of Pale. Yugoslav Army and Bosnian Serb leaders vied with one another to prove that the shell fired on a market in Sarajevo on Saturday had not been launched by the Serbs and that an international "lynch mob" was in preparation.

Ballistics experts told viewers that one shell could never have killed so many people and that even if it had it could not have been fired from a Serb mortar. In fact, they claimed, the Muslims had pulled off a fiendishly clever trick in Merkale market involving life-size dolls.

Stevka Vukic, 26, a kindergarten teacher, was not sure whether to believe the air strikes would really come. "I certainly don't believe what I see on television but I think the air strikes will come. And one thing is for certain, a lot of innocent people will get killed," she said.

Relief workers fear for future of their mission

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of punitive air strikes against Bosnian Serbs sends shudders through an already battered army of aid workers. They worry about the future of their almost impossible mission to feed and tend the sick and hungry, and about their own safety.

"I have seen people gather wheat flour from airdrops with spoons from the mud," a United Nations aid official said after visiting the besieged Bosnian enclave of Gorazde.

British aid driver Paul Goodall was shot dead two weeks ago today, when he and two colleagues were hijacked by suspected Muslims near Zenica in central Bosnia. In the past five months, three United Nations aid workers have been murdered in the same area.

It is surprising that the toll has not been higher as scores of UN and other helpers across the republic are daily harassed, robbed, shelled and shot at by Serbs, Croats and Muslims. The aid workers fear that air strikes could lead to revenge attacks on them and the UN peacekeeping troops who try to protect them.

While talk of air strikes has focused this week on Sarajevo, those most desperately hungry are stranded in places such as Mostar — besieged by Croats — Gorazde and Maglaj. But even if air strikes are carried out, and even if

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peacekeeping troops are withdrawn, the aid convoys will continue to struggle through where they can. The problem will be that there would probably be fewer accessible places for them to go.

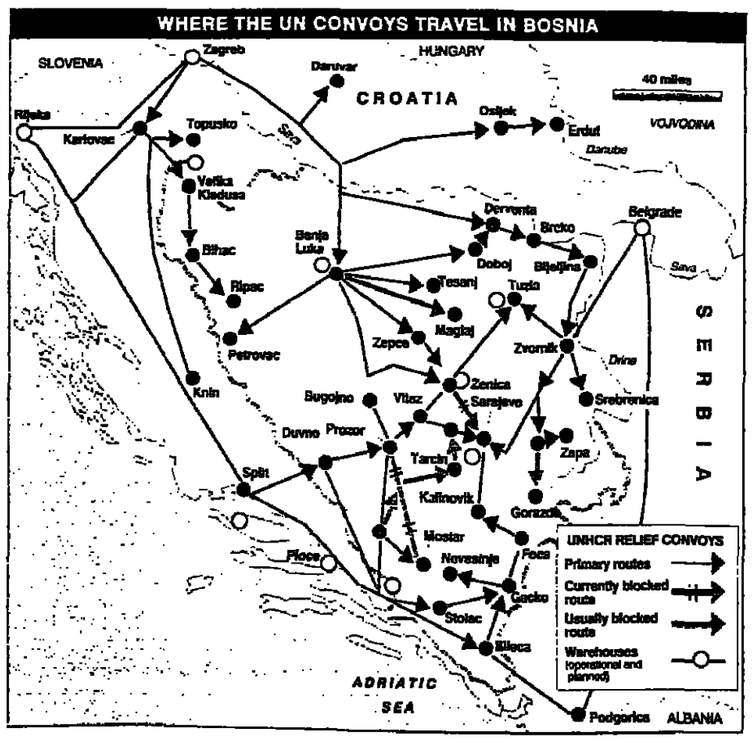
Despite almost overwhelming difficulties, the UN delivered a record 33,162 tons of food, clothing, medicines and other supplies in Bosnia in January. This compares with about 17,000 tons the same time last year, but still falls far short of the estimated 45,000 tons needed in the republic last month.

Paradoxically, the aid delivered in January would have more than met demand last year, but since then the number of people in need has leaped. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has the supplies, but cannot get them through to many besieged towns and villages.

The majority of aid is delivered by road — the most dangerous but most effective way. Air drops are periodically carried out in the more isolated and besieged regions, such as Mostar, Tuzla and Maglaj, but these are much more hit-and-miss, with a higher risk of supplies falling into the wrong hands.

Ron Redman, spokesman for the UNHCR, said in Geneva yesterday: "Air drops are organised from air bases in Germany and we would expect them to continue."

WHERE THE UN CONVOYS TRAVEL IN BOSNIA



Enigmatic general pulls off tough deal

MAN IN THE NEWS

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

LIEUTENANT General Sir Michael Rose, who took over as commander of the 13,000 United Nations troops in Bosnia only three weeks ago, is already being hailed as the hero of the hour.

While he would be the first to reject any kudos for achieving what could be one of the most positive developments in the 22-month civil war, there is no doubt that his tough approach has played a valuable role.

Described as a very private man, General Rose, 54, is an enigma even to colleagues who have worked closely with him; they say they never know what he is thinking. His manner and his way of conducting business has as much to do with his personality as his army background.

When a young army officer applies to join the Special Air Service, he is not only tested for his physical and mental abilities but must also undergo psychological tests to be accepted into the elite unit. This is to ensure that he will not break down under extreme conditions. During his career with the SAS, and now in Bosnia, General Rose has demonstrated that he is capable of overcoming every kind of challenge, however impossible it may seem.

Educated at Oxford University and the Sorbonne, he is regarded as one of the most intelligent and capable officers of his generation.

After commanding 22 SAS in the Falklands War, General Rose moved on from his favourite regiment following a term as Director Special Forces, in charge of both the SAS and the Royal Marines' Special Boat Service.

If the ceasefire deal with the Serbs succeeds and the heavy guns are withdrawn from around the city, he could win the accolade of being the saviour of Sarajevo, a label one of his predecessors, General Philippe Morillon, tried so hard to win.

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Ripples of Whitewater engulf First Lady's law firm



Hillary Clinton: former firm denies shredding

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY Clinton's former law firm yesterday strongly denied reports that it had shredded documents about the President's and Mrs Clinton's investment in the Whitewater land development firm in Arkansas, which stands at the centre of a rumbling political scandal.

The allegations came in a report by *The Washington Times*, a conservative paper opposed to President Clinton and his Administration, which has displayed an uncharacteristic investigative zeal in its coverage of the affair. The allegations it makes are among the most damaging so far, because they hint at the existence of documents that could have proved that money was diverted from an Arkansas savings bank via Whitewater to finance then Governor Clinton's election campaigns. If true, these transactions could have involved public funds, since the savings bank went bankrupt and its depositors were bailed out at a cost to the taxpayers of between $50 million (£33.5 million) and $60 million.

The newspaper sourced its report on an unnamed employee in the Rose firm, who was quoted as saying: "There's absolutely no doubt that the records destroyed last Thursday were those the firm had on Whitewater. There were a lot of papers and the process took quite a long time. A bunch of stuff was there to be read, and it was felt that this could be very bad."

Ronald Clark, managing partner of Rose, rejected the allegations as "absolutely false". He said: "To my knowledge we have no documents in the firm's possession related to Whitewater, and if we do we are accumulating them in a single location awaiting the appropriate time that they will be examined."

■ An employee in Hillary Clinton's former law firm has alleged its Whitewater records have been destroyed. With so many missing papers, claims of misuse of public funds may be hard to settle

The Clintons have rejected all allegations, insisting that Whitewater was merely a bad property investment that lost them close to $70,000. Given that the documents have indeed gone missing, it appears increasingly difficult to prove or disprove many of the allegations.

The issue is under investigation by a team headed by Robert Fiske, who was appointed last month as the special counsel to look into the Whitewater affair and its wider ramifications. Mr Fiske is almost certain to investigate the claims by *The Washington Times* as part of his enquiry. A spokesman for Rose said yesterday that the law firm had not yet been contacted by Mr Fiske.

With growing reports of missing documents, there is a possibility that the Whitewater investigation will end with inconclusive results, similar to the audit of Mr Clinton's Whitewater accounts during the 1992 presidential elections. Even if documents were shredded, this is not likely to constitute a breach of state or federal laws, although given the increased public interest in Whitewater such action would be unusual, if not unethical, conduct by a law firm.

Another partner in the law firm was Vincent Foster, the former White House deputy counsel who committed suicide last July. Foster's name has also been linked to the Whitewater affair because he is thought to have worked on the Clintons' Whitewater files shortly before his death. Recently several reports have cast doubt on the official version of the circumstances surrounding Foster's death in a secluded park about ten miles from central Washington.

☐ **Choice approved:** President Clinton's nomination of Strobe Talbott to be Deputy Secretary of State was approved by the Senate foreign relations committee yesterday. Those senators who were present approved the nomination by 17 votes to one. Senator Jesse Helms, a North Carolina Republican who voted against Mr Talbott, sought to delay Senate confirmation for two weeks, but this was rejected on a 10 to 9 vote. The full Senate vote on Talbott's confirmation was expected to follow soon. The committee vote could change because other committee members are allowed to add their votes later.

Mr Helms challenged Mr Talbott, a former senior *Time* magazine writer, at a confirmation hearing on Tuesday for saying in a 1981 essay that Israel had become a liability to US security interests. Mr Talbott said his views had changed, but that the essay was critical of Likud government policies, not Israel. *(Reuter)*

Cairo peace talks intensify as date for accord nears

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

MARATHON talks aimed at achieving a partial agreement on obstacles to Palestinian self rule in Israeli-occupied Jericho and Gaza intensified here yesterday.

With the April 13 deadline for the withdrawal of Israeli troops just over two months away, the negotiating pace was stepped up. By last night, Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and Shimon Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, had met six times in 48 hours.

"We are working paragraph by paragraph, word by word," said Yuri Savir, head of the Israeli team. Mr Savir was involved in the secret talks in Norway which laid the basis for the peace pact, the broad details of which were signed in Washington last September. Much of the delay in implementing the accord has been blamed on the vagueness of that original document, which was said by one American commentator to be "long on flourish and short on precision".

PLO officials and some left-wing Israeli politicians have also blamed differences between Mr Peres and his long-time rival, Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, for failure to secure agreement on the future conduct of security in those areas to be evacuated. Initial expectations aroused in Davos, Switzerland nearly two weeks ago that the talks in Cairo might reach a final agreement were dashed by Mr Rabin on Tuesday. He is known to be unwilling to offend Israeli army chiefs who are worried that national security may be threatened by giving in to PLO demands. Many Israelis are convinced that in the long run, Mr Arafat will be forced to make further concessions.

"Even if we agree on the subjects we are discussing, and even if we sign on them, it is still not the signing of the agreement because we must discuss additional matters," Mr Rabin said.

The snail's pace of negotiations and the lack of any marked changes on the



ground in Jericho or the squalid refugee camps of the Gaza Strip, has helped dissipate much of the initial euphoria which surrounded the original White House signing ceremony on September 13.

Under the agreement, Israeli troops should have started withdrawing on December 13. The main disputes which have prevented this are focused on the size of the Jericho area to be handed over, the means of security for the 4,000 Jewish settlers who will stay on in Gaza and, most importantly, procedures at the borders of the self-rule areas leading to Jordan and Egypt.

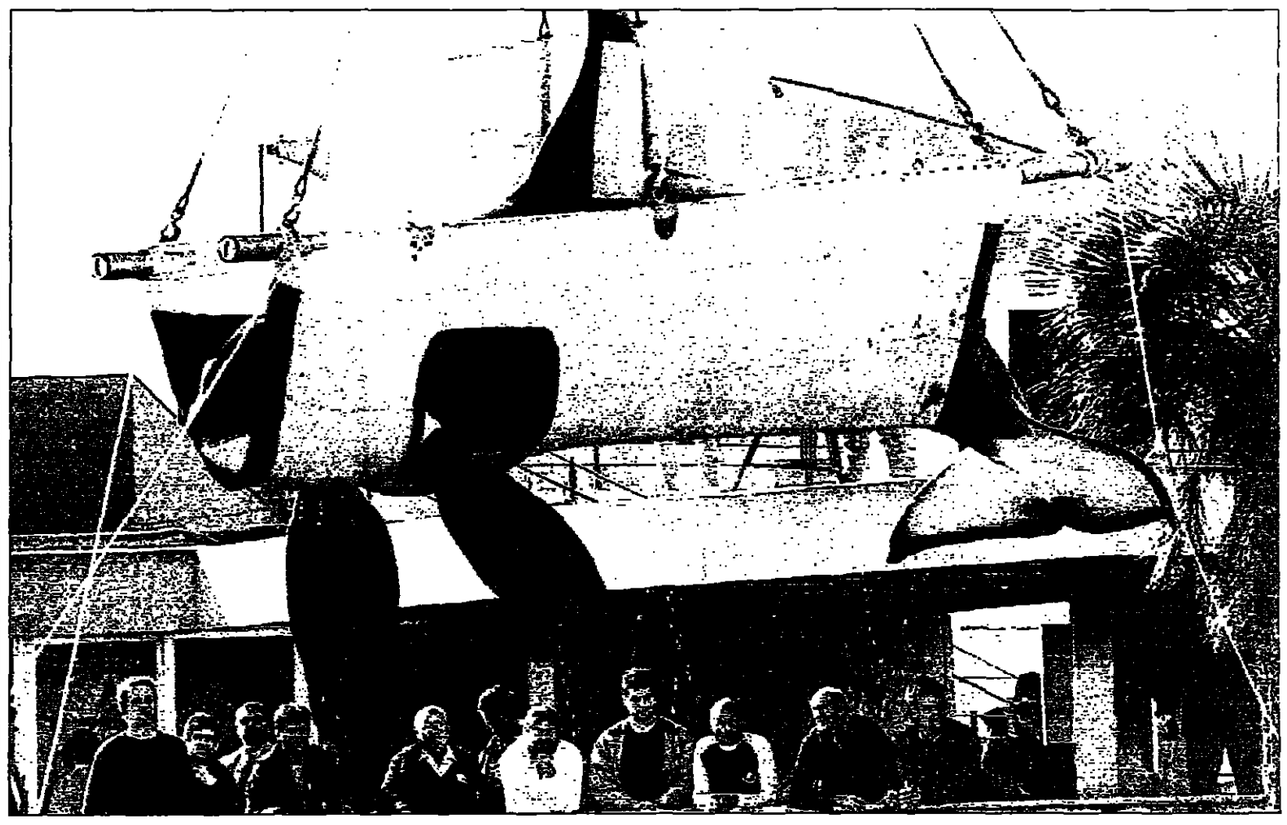
A frustrated PLO official yesterday accused the Israeli army of deliberately complicating the process. "It is trying to keep everything. It feels that security is its baby," he said.

Another PLO source close to the talks told reporters with a note of desperation: "It is all about sovereignty. They are trying to remind us at every step that it (the Palestinian self-rule area) is not an independent state, that it is only an interim stage."

Before the Cairo talks started on Monday, Amr Moussa, Egypt's Foreign Minister, who has been mediating, said that about 90 per cent of the work on finalising the agreement had been completed. But he emphasised that the remaining gaps would not be easy to bridge.

☐ **Campaign intensifies:** Islamic militants battling to overthrow the pro-Western government of President Mubarak have expanded their campaign to enforce the Islamic ban on usury which is widely flouted in Egypt.

In a statement yesterday the main terrorist organisation Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) claimed responsibility for three bombs planted at Cairo banks this week and gave a two-week deadline for all money to be withdrawn from institutions which pay interest. One bomb exploded at a branch of the Central Bank of Egypt, and two more were defused at branches of other leading banks.



Ulysses, a lonely 17-year-old killer whale, being lifted from his home at Barcelona zoo in a specially-constructed harness yesterday to begin its journey to the United States. The four-tonne whale, said to be suffering from depression, was to be transported in a container in a special jumbo jet flight to San Diego's Marine Park. Ulysses was tranquilised before embarking on the journey to find love (Edward Owen writes). Hundreds of Spanish school children waved goodbye as the whale, which had amused them with its tricks in Barcelona, was lifted out of the water. Animal behaviorial experts said Ulysses had become frustrated with its lonely existence and wanted a mate. His pool at Barcelona zoo was too small to accommodate another whale, which the move to the aquatic park in California should resolve. If Ulysses does find a partner, he may return to Barcelona in a couple of years with its mate if a larger pool is constructed at the zoo.

Sister bids for dynastic crown in California

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

KATHLEEN Brown has kicked off the single most important American election of 1994 by announcing her candidacy for Governor of California, a job previously held by her father, Pat, and her brother, Jerry, the 1992 presidential candidate.

The contest is one that will shape the future of America's largest state while having a direct impact on the 1996 presidential race. Assuming that Ms Brown does win the Democrats' June primary, she will face Pete Wilson, the Republican incumbent, in November. A Wilson victory would make him a strong contender for the Republican nomination to challenge President Clinton in 1996.

A victory for Ms Brown, running on an unashamedly pro-business, socially tough "New Democrat" platform, would accelerate Mr Clinton's rightward realignment of the Democratic Party and further weaken its liberal wing.

The telegenic Ms Brown, 48, has five children and two grandchildren. If elected, she would be the Golden State's first woman Governor and the first Democrat to hold the office since her brother stepped down in 1983. California's only other postwar Democratic governor was her father. Ms Brown has a multi-million-dollar warchest and a plan to create jobs, fight crime and reform schools.

Opinion polls put her well ahead of John Garamendi, California's insurance commissioner and her Democratic primary opponent, and a little ahead of Mr Wilson, but that lead is about as stable as the San Andreas fault.

Ms Brown is not alone in trying to perpetuate a dynasty this year. George and Jeb Bush, sons of the former President, are seeking the Texas and Florida governorships. Patrick Kennedy, Edward Kennedy's son, is expected to win election to Congress from Rhode Island and become his family's third representative on Capitol Hill.

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Oxford's prodigal returns

Matthew d'Ancona meets George Steiner as he heads back to the university which snubbed him

On October 11, in a venue to be announced, Oxford University will celebrate an unexpected autumnal homecoming. Forty-two years after his doctoral dissertation was turned down by its dons, George Steiner will return as the first Weidenfeld professor of comparative literature. It is an appointment that will send tremors of expectation and trepidation through the groves of British academia.

Why so? When I met Steiner in Geneva earlier this week, I was struck more by his conviviality than by the intellectual tyranny I had been led to expect. Steiner is an affable companion. But he is also one of the world's most famous intellectuals, whose past is part of high table folklore.

After 20 years at Geneva University, he is heading back to the university where he was a Rhodes Scholar in the early 1950s. The chair has been funded for ten years by Lord Weidenfeld, who has also been the driving force behind Oxford's new institute of European studies and is expected to set up a new annual prize for the best translation of a classic work. Steiner's professorship will be based at St Anne's, but he also hopes to renew links with his old college, Balliol, where he was a contemporary of Lord Rees-Mogg. His excitement at this academic prospect and his planned lectures on the song of the Sirens is palpable.

> "I've no right to say to anyone you should read Aeschylus, but I do"

"When my dissertation was rejected for a doctorate, among the letters commenting on this rejection was one from one the most senior examiners which said: 'This is a book of comparative literature. It is not in the rubric'," he says. To set comparative work "outside the rubric" was surely an odd judgment in the university of Scotus, Wyclif and Robert Grosseteste; and one wonders what contemporary comparative scholars in Oxford such as Maurice Bowra, Isaiah Berlin and John Sparrow made of the snub. But for Steiner it was a premonition of things to come.

After spells at *The Economist* and Princeton, he joined Churchill College, Cambridge, as a founding fellow in 1961. There he embarked on an extraordinary series of lectures which regularly attracted a thousand students, transformed the reading tastes of a Cambridge generation and still seem compelling 30 years on.

Language itself, he claimed, was in jeopardy, barbarised by totalitarianism and mass consumerism. There was a general retreat from the word, as more and more areas of human understanding were colonised by science and mathematics. Perhaps, he argued, the humanities had failed to humanise. For had not the men who ran the concentration camps read Goethe and played Schubert?

His rise at Cambridge seemed inexorable, and would have been so were it not for the fact that so many academics prefer to talk about intellectual freedom than to nurture it. "Instead of lecturing, as perhaps I ought to have, on Dryden's middle period," he says, "I lectured in the first year on 'How do we read a poem after Marx, Freud and Lévi-Strauss?' — with pretty fatal results".

He first sensed that the game was up when he heard Leavis advise his students not to "lose their time" by bothering with Proust. Then a senior member of the English faculty walked out of Steiner's lecture after he quoted Adorno's electric line: "No poetry after Auschwitz". He had, it transpired, been a prisoner on the Burmese death railways. As Steiner watched this gowned tribal elder march out of the lecture hall, he realised that he had overstepped an invisible mark. Cambridge — except for his beloved Churchill, where he remains an extraordinary fellow — would not have him.

Failure to secure a faculty post prompted a long and sometimes difficult scholarly journey, during which he wrote his masterpiece on translation, *After Babel*. Yet his decades outside the ancient universities have yielded a corpus of work prescribed on reading lists all over the world.

He is a natural, compelling conversationalist, whose voice is full of drama, *piano* and *forte* by artful turn. Over the years, some journalists have found him overbearing, but I suspect this is because he prefers genuine dialogue to the conventions of interview. Over lunch, he was happy to gossip but when we sat down in his tiny office to talk he left no doubt that he believes the issues he writes about matter *profoundly*. He refuses to "negotiate his passions" and scorns those academics that do.

"I can't tell you how strongly I feel about this and it will be obvious in my visit to Oxford," he says. "A man who believes that 9th-century bronze Chinese chamber pots are the most important thing in the world should not negotiate. He can't. I can't negotiate."

He returns to Oxford still asking the same fundamental questions about language and culture. In his most recent critical work, *Real Presences*, Steiner argued that all great art is "touched by the ice and fire of God" and that fashionable theories such as Derrida's deconstructionism are blind to the ineffable, transcendent nature of language. True art, he claims, is underpinned by "real presences" and should be valued as such. "I'm committed to the view that McDonald's is not finally what it's all about," he says. "I've no right to say to anyone you should read Aeschylus and not Joan Collins, no right whatever. And yet I do. No right but a despotic, unarguable, Neronian conviction."

In his 1991 novella, *Proofs*, a disillusioned Communist priest tells his proof-reader friend that America is the first civilisation to encourage "common, fallible, frightened humanity to feel at home in its skin". No, says his companion, "that is to hold man in utter contempt. It is to turn history into a graveyard for used cars".

It is not hard to guess where Steiner's own sympathies lie. Yet he is willing to accept the difficulties of his thesis and the fact that high culture has not saved the 20th century from brutality. "I dream of being able to find a way of teaching *Lear* in a way that his cry over Cordelia does not blot out or make less real the cry in the street," he says.

Thus the ancient universities reclaim another prodigal son. Steiner has high hopes for the new chair, even suggesting that it might lead to the establishment of a comparative literature paper attached to the Greats school. It is an ambitious proposal and one which may be hotly contested. Yet his will be a warm homecoming, in a university that appreciates ironies and learns from its mistakes. Oxford is about to gain a Real Presence.

MICHAEL POWELL



George Steiner: "I'm committed to the view that McDonald's is not finally what it's all about"

Will the world come to an end in July?

The prophetess of doom sees stars

It is easy to assume that Sister Marie Gabriel — she who takes advertisements in *The Times* warning of a cosmic explosion — is mad. Bonkers. Loopy. Nuts. But ring her on 081-450 2748 and listen to her tell, in a sing-song, babyish voice, her extraordinary story, and like me, you won't be quite so sure.

First her message. It is not that she is foretelling the end of the world. Rather, she stresses, God is giving us a sign which we neglect at our peril. This July, Halley's comet is due to collide with the planet Jupiter, the ad proclaims. "God had ordained this forthcoming cosmic event to warn all nations of what will happen to them if his messages are ignored."

On condition that the warning is obeyed and we revise our ways — "People must stop getting drunk, swearing, and bad temper, stop violent behaviour, give up drugs and porn. Stop all dishonesty, stealing and fraud" — we will be fine. If we ignore it we will be in the soup.

So far, so mad, you might think. But a comet really is set to collide with Jupiter, astronomers confirm — although not Halley's, actually, but Shoemaker-Levy. Sister Marie spotted the fact in July 1986, "ahead of all astronomers and well in advance of the most powerful telescopes".



Sister Marie Gabriel

Then sceptics must contend with the certainty of Sister Marie's convictions. The only time her sugared voice sounded acerbic during our conversation was when she dismissed suggestions that she might be deranged. "Visionaries have to cope with that. It is very upsetting to be called mentally sick or to be told that I am imagining these things."

She even looks like a visionary. I sometimes go to the same Catholic church as her, the Carmelites in Kensington Church Street, West London. With her ash-blond hair tucked under her headscarf and in dark glasses, she is an arresting presence. "I perhaps look a little bit younger than I am," she says.

Now 53, she was born in the Byelorussian town now called Novgrudok in Poland, the child of a violinist and cousin of the rich Paprockis clan. (Her full name is Sofia Segatis Paprocki Orvid Puciato.) In the clutch of photographs that Sister Marie dispatched to me, she included a photograph of what would have been her property had it not been confiscated by both the Germans and the Russians.

The family arrived in England in 1947, penniless refugees. In an effort to fund a convent education for his daughter, Sister Marie's father starved himself. As if this was not poignant enough, Sister Marie was then injured in a car crash. She was hidden in a convent attic until she recovered.

At the Notre-Dame High School for Girls in Cheetham, Manchester, wrapped in the embrace of the Ursuline nuns, Sister Marie discovered God. She became intent on trying to become a saint, and soaked herself in histories of their lives.

Her sincerity can be in no doubt. She lives off invalidity benefit, her efforts to publicise doomsday funded by Catholic donors she refuses to identify. So poor is she that at times she has begged for clothes and foraged for rotten vegetables left out by greengrocers. She lived by candlelight for two years, unable to pay her electricity bill. She now lives in a modest flat in Cricklewood, north London, in her aunt's Victorian house.

Yet her suffering has not proved in vain. In August 1984, the Virgin first appeared to Sister Marie, her hands crossed in prayer, clothed in a golden silk robe. Recently more visions have appeared, with the message that it is time Sister Marie spread the word.

Hence the ads in *The Times*. Last year, her book *Supernatural Visions* was published, a book of prophecies by a "gifted visionary mystic". Her relationship with her printer ended in tears and this week she will meet him in court. "Sister Marie has not received one penny from her own book while printers and bookshops have made over quarter of a million pounds approximately," her advertisement says.

With a trusted band of eight followers, Sister Marie is seeking to lobby the influential. This week, she has been on the line to the Duke of Norfolk, Paul Getty, Cliff Richard and Richard Branson to draw their attention to her SOS. She is especially keen that Mr Branson should ground all his aircraft in mid-July "in case the Jupiter blast affects planes in flight".

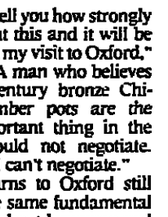
She admits the response has been demoralising. "It's not that it upsets us," she says. "It's because of what could arise as a result. When Halley's comet does hit Jupiter, and there's a fireball, it's unpredictable where it may head." Her advice is to stay in cold dark cellars to avoid any heatwave and buy food for five days.

Lunatics are supposedly prophets without followers. Prophets are lunatics with followers, wrote Max Weber. I may be a lunatic, but she may be a prophet.

RACHEL KELLY

Little angels, little devils

Society pays a price for idealising children and separating them from the adult world



MARINA WARNER

1994 REITH LECTURES

MARINA Warner delivered her third Reith lecture last night and argued that nostalgia for an idealised childhood state has shaped our expectations of children in modern society — with *dangerous consequences*.

Drawing on evidence from the Romantic poets and Peter Pan to the trial of James Bulger's child-killers, Warner says the contemporary "cult of the child" mistakenly insists that childhood is a state of innocence, entirely separate from the adult world.

In "Little Angels, Little Devils: Keeping Childhood Innocent", her most political lecture so far in the series, Warner attacks government policy towards single mothers and childcare and argues that society can not expect children to behave better than the adults they mimic.

Kipling's Mowgli and Barrie's Peter Pan are prime examples of the dominant theme in contemporary mythology — that children are separate from adults, she says. "Both reveal the depth of adult investment in a Utopian childhood state, and this can lead to disillusion, often punitive and callous, with the young as people," Warner argues, citing the trial of James Bulger's murderers as evidence. "Their trial revealed a brutal absence of pity for them as children. It was conducted as if they were adults."

The 19th-century romantic thirst for recovering the childlike state inspired a plethora of children's literature, but ancient myths were sanitised for their new readership — with serious implications, she argues. The Brothers Grimm, at the beginning of the 19th century, trimmed away the eroticism of popular tales and shaped them into stories for children. Sex was dropped, but replaced by violence — especially in the form of "gleeful, retributive justice," she says.

In Grimms stories, the wicked stepmother in Snow White dances to her death in red hot shoes, while Sleeping Beauty (who had borne twins to the Prince in earlier versions) is allowed only a kiss. "In the very midst of consecrating innocence, the modern mythology of childhood ascribes to children a specially rampant natural appetite for all kinds of transgressive pleasures, including above all, the sado-masochistic thrills of fear," Warner says.

The alienation of the childhood from the adult state, together with unrealistic expectations of how children should properly behave, has led to a new, modern problem — the fear of the child, she argues.

Government policy must take account of the widening gap between the ideal of childhood and the reality; one of the fastest growing groups living in poverty in Britain is children with their mothers, Warner says.

"The same ministers who sneer about babies on benefit, and trumpet a return to basic values cannot see that our social survival as a civilised community depends on stopping this spiralling impoverishment of children's lives."

Out of the million jobs to be created in Britain before the year 2000, 90 per cent will be for women, but publicly-funded childcare is available for just 2 per cent of under-threes. "Meanwhile," she says, "the Government has proposed to allocate £100 million to creating prisons for 11 to 12-year-old offenders."

Warner argues that many of the problems faced by modern society stem from the mythology built up about the childhood state: "Children aren't separate from adults, and unlike Mowgli or Peter Pan, can't be kept separate; they can't live innocent lives on behalf of adults ... like the best china kept in tissue in the cupboard."

In conclusion, she returns to her opening gambit — the story of Caspar Hauser, who was kept in a cellar in Germany until his unexplained release in 1828. He could not write, hardly spoke and was an object of mass fascination. The unfortunate child was denounced as a fake, and eventually murdered, in mysterious circumstances in 1833.

"We know by now that the man is father to the child; we fear that children will grow up to be even more like us than they already are," Warner says. "Caspar Hauser, the innocent, was murdered; now we're scared that if such a wild child were to appear today, he might kill us."

Next week: "Beautiful Beasts: The Call of the Wild".

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

ENDOSCOPIC surgery, sometimes known as "keyhole" surgery because it is minimally invasive or requires minimal access, is as important a change to surgeons' profession as road transport faced when the internal combustion engine replaced the horse.

It is estimated that by 2000, 70 per cent of all surgical procedures will be done in this way. When the operation has been a success, the patients spend less time in hospital, there is less tissue destruction and post-operative discomfort is radically reduced. In America, it is predicted that within two years, 95 per cent of planned intra-abdominal surgical operations will be carried out using minimal access surgery.

Unfortunately, many surgeons have not been trained in and have had little experience of this new discipline.

The report of the working party of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh says: "Regrettably, the introduction of this new era of surgery has been poorly audited, with evidence that some organisations have attempted endoscopic operations without due consideration to the different skills required, and to the detriment of the patient's welfare." The introduction of new technology always has some problems. When my grandfather bought his first car his coachman, excellent with horses, whose role it had been to drive him around his practice and hold the horse's head while he saw patients, was sent off to learn to drive. It was soon apparent that the coachman would never learn



Through the keyhole: endoscopic surgery makes modern demands

clutch, accelerator and brake, and thereafter his only duty was to sit beside my grandfather, who drove the car, and regale him with gossip.

Traditional surgeons owe their skill in operating as much to their ability to feel with their hands as to the appearance of every part of the inside of the abdomen, chest or joints. With keyhole surgery, these surgeons are now confronted with an operating field displayed on a TV screen and will be expected to use quite different instruments, interpreting anatomy and pathology in two-dimensions.

Minimally invasive surgery will not replace traditional surgery, but the new techniques will become an important additional skill.

The Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) is well aware of the problems endoscopic surgery has caused, and the dangers it can pose to the general public if it is badly executed. Like the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, with whom they are in consultation, the RCS understands that there is a need for continuing education in modern surgery techniques. This would presumably includes endoscopic surgery and it seems probable that there will now be agreement between the various colleges that steps will have to be taken to ensure that any surgeon using these techniques will have been fully trained to conduct the procedures and operations in question and that they thereafter maintain these skills.

In the meantime, three training centres are being opened, in Dundee, Leeds and at the Royal College of Surgeons in London. The London centre, which cost £1.6 million subscribed by the Wolfson Foundation and the Department of Health, will use simulators so that, like airline pilots undergoing a conversion course, surgeons will be able to practise their new skills without endangering the public. The centre will have fibro-optic links with the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel and the Royal Surrey Hospital in order to provide live television transmission of clinical procedures in these hospitals.

Milk magic



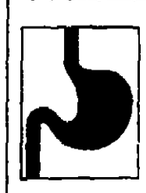
IF Andy Caddick, the England fast bowler, had sustained a stress fracture of his shin, it would have been because the bone had been subjected to repeatedly excessive strains.

More common are the spontaneous fractures which occur as the result of minimal stress in a bone already weakened by osteoporosis. This week, Hugh Phillips, the consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, suggested that many postmenopausal women who believe that they have fractured their thighs because of a fall, in fact fell because of a spontaneous fracture.

Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) is the most obvious way of preventing osteoporosis, but it is not suitable for all women. One simple dietary measure to reduce the chance of developing osteoporosis has been reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. A research project at the University of California studied nearly 1,000 women aged between 50 and 98. This study showed a relationship, independent of other factors, between coffee drinking and reduced bone density and that the greater the number the cups of coffee drunk, the less dense the bone.

Regardless of other factors, two or more cups of coffee a day appreciably reduced bone density. Coffee-drinkers can redress the balance by drinking at least one glass of milk a day. Those patients who over many years had drunk milk were unaffected by coffee drinking. Even so, the American doctors were careful to point out that although milk may provide protection, it is not complete.

Warning sign



RUPTURE of the aorta, the main artery leading from the heart, is not an uncommon cause of death. Yet in 80 per cent of cases, the signs of trouble can be detected by an ultrasound examination.

Pulse, the magazine for general practitioners, reports on trials involving 30,000 patients. Tests showed that 1 per cent of patients had an aortic diameter greater than 4cm, and were in danger of aortic rupture. The patients who had a close relative who had ruptured an aorta were six times more likely to suffer from a dilated aorta themselves, those with narrowed leg arteries were three times more likely, and those with a raised blood pressure 1½ times as likely to have trouble.

After successful, non-emergency surgery on an enlarged aorta, the patient's life expectancy is no less than somebody within his age group with a normal aorta.

Vascular surgeons estimate that a screening programme for men over 65 to detect aortic dilatation would, in terms of years of life saved, be only one-tenth as expensive as breast cancer screening.

Primrose oil in troubled waters

Nigel Hawkes peers over the drugs counter at a simmering row over the star of health products

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The evening primrose, whose oil is used to treat eczema and PMT

An unseemly row has broken out on the health food counters. The shelves of herbs, potions and natural oils are shaking and rattling as the suppliers of evening primrose oil, the star among health supplements, slug it out.

The issue at stake is an important one. The row started when Dr David Horrobin, chief executive of Efamol, a major producer of evening primrose oil, accused rival producers of jumping on the bandwagon created by his extensive testing of the oil on human patients. Dr Horrobin is a research scientist who believes in applying the same rigour to health supplements as he would to a new drug synthesised in the laboratory.

The result has been to give evening primrose oil an elevated status and a listing on the British National Formulary. Doctors may prescribe it for eczema or for breast pain. At the same time, Efamol sells primrose oil capsules over the counter as a health supplement, as do other companies: there are now at least 30 primrose oils on the British market. The business is growing at a hectic rate and last year was worth £32 million.

Dr Horrobin's complaint was that a lot of these oils were making claims, some based on Efamol's research, which they could not justify. Surely one evening primrose produces the same oil as another?

Not so, says Dr Horrobin, accusing his competitors of boosting their primrose oil with oil from borage, and of selling a chemically-refined product which lacks the stability and balance of the original. "Health claims made by many manufacturers for evening primrose oil and borage oil products are misleading thousands of women in an attempt to cash in on a lucrative sales area," Efamol says.

"Misleading, disparaging and inaccurate," says Roche Products. Seven Seas, another producer, put it even more vividly: "This is the worst kind of mud-slinging. The truth is that Efamol is an over-priced product with declining sales. Last year its sales more than halved because there are more effective and better products such as ours on the market."

It may be significant, however, that the rival producers have not rushed forward with their own data on safety and efficacy. Legally, they are under no obligation to, though how Seven Seas can claim its products are better without such evidence is not clear. Efamol denies that its market share is in decline.

What are the facts? Here we leave the world of spokesmen taking a swing at each other and enter a more complex environment. For the truth is that evidence of the efficacy of anybody's evening primrose oil is open to argument.

In the case of two conditions for which it is commonly used, eczema and pre-menstrual tension, recent studies are not encouraging. Two skin specialists reported last year in *The Lancet* that in tests on 100 people with eczema, "no improvement was demonstrated". And a Swedish study, also published last year, showed women with PMT got just as satisfactory results from paraffin oil. Dr Horrobin contests these findings.

Since none of the trials has shown that primrose oil can do any harm, women may be left to make up their own minds if it does them any good: many swear by it. More serious for Efamol's rivals are Dr Horrobin's criticisms of borage oil, used to boost the quantities of the active ingredient gamma-linolenic acid (GLA) in some primrose oils. Borage oil contains more GLA, but this, Dr Horrobin says, is no advantage. What matters is the form in which the GLA is presented, and whether it is accompanied by oils which may be harmful.

He cites research done at the University of Guelph in Canada, showing that borage oil can increase the aggregation of blood platelets, posing a potential increased risk of heart attack or stroke. But this was a small study, using doses 20 to 50 times greater than normal, Roche says, and the increased platelet aggregation could simply have been a consequence of a high calorie intake.

Does the row matter? Yes, because we do need to know the likely effects of the vitamins, oils and other food supplements which many people now take as a matter of habit.

"Efamol has issued a very simple challenge to manufacturers of health care products," Dr Horrobin says. "Prove that your own product is both safe and effective. Manufacturers who respond to that challenge by claiming it is mud-slinging are reacting strangely, to say the least."

Ian Robertson explores the dramatic but mysterious effects of hypnotism

The strange power of suggestion

In India last century, a Scottish surgeon carried out more than 300 major yet apparently painless operations on hypnotised patients, ranging from limb amputation to the removal of scrotal tumours. A medical committee chaired by the deputy governor of Bengal subsequently endorsed Dr James Esdaile's unorthodox use of hypnosis, which he advocated as a far more effective and safer anaesthetic than chloroform.

The fact that Dr Esdaile's methods did not catch on was to a great extent due to the cloud of suspicion which has hung over hypnotism ever since its origins in mesmerism in the 18th century. John Elliotson, professor of medicine at University College London, was being dubbed a professional pariah by the *Lancet* for his interest in mesmerism at the very time Dr Esdaile was happily sawing the legs off his hypnotised colonial soldiers.

Suggestion is at the heart of hypnosis, and the 15-20 per cent of the population who are hypnotically suggestible can do some very unusual things when hypnotised. Under the suggestion of the hypnotist, they may lose memories, say they see invisible objects, wipe non-existent insects from their faces, speak like children and endure pain which would normally overwhelm them, to mention just a few examples.

Psychologists disagree about what hypnosis actually is. One view is that hypnosis causes a special psychological state — a trance — which is cut off, or dissociated, from normal waking consciousness. This special state of mind allows the person to experience and do things which would normally be impossible. The other view is that hypnosis is no more than play-acting, where the hypnotised person simply acts out what the hypnotist suggests. In other words, you act out a script you have learnt from films and books, just as if you were an actor in your local amateur dramatic society.

To see hypnosis as a harmless ritual has the advantage of demystifying it and discrediting the exaggerated claims of some hypnotherapists. There is no evidence that hypnosis helps you stop smoking, lose weight or cure emotional disorders, although as with every therapy in existence, there will always be some people who feel they have benefited from it. Hypnosis can, however, help burns victims feel less pain, and some dentists in Britain at times hypnotise rather than inject. Indeed, one of the standard textbooks on medical and dental hypnosis recommends hypnosis for reducing bleeding after dental surgery. Finally, the nausea which cancer patients endure in the course of their chemotherapy can also be helped by hypnosis in some cases.

But the play-acting explanation of hypnosis has its limitations, as an experiment by David Spiegel in Stanford University, California, shows. Students sat in front of a television monitor which flashed lights at them. Normally, these lights generate electrical discharges in the brain which can be picked up by brainwave detectors, or EEG. Spiegel hypnotised his students and suggested that they hallucinate a box in front of the TV monitor while the lights continued to flash: he found that the brainwaves in the visual parts of the brain were reduced as if there really was a box blocking the lights.

Whether hypnosis involves play-acting or trance induction, it is a powerful technique which can do harm as well as good, particularly in vulnerable people. For this reason, the two organisations regulating hypnosis in Britain only allow qualified physicians, dentists or psychologists to be members. The British Society for Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis and the British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis oppose self-styled hypnotherapists offering therapy for everything from shyness to smoking as much as they object to stage hypnotists.



Is hypnosis a trance or just play-acting?

Such was the concern in the Fifties about the potentially damaging consequences of stage hypnosis that Leo Abse successfully passed a private member's bill through the House of Commons in 1952, giving local authorities the power to regulate or prohibit stage hypnosis in their jurisdiction. This same bill banned anyone under 21 from stage hypnosis shows. The last successful legal case in the UK against a stage hypnotist (for assault and professional negligence) was in 1948.

I have talked to one professor of psychology in Britain who strongly opposes the protectionist views of professional bodies such as the British Society for Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis. He routinely teaches his students to hypnotise each other as a way of demystifying the ritual. In his eyes, the hypnotist is doing no more than telling someone to do something they could do themselves anyway. Indeed, self-hypnosis books and tapes are widely available, and could be seen as a desirable debunking of professional conceit.

Such a view may however underestimate the dramatic power of ritual to alter mental processes in people who would find it difficult to do so under more normal circumstances. Hypnotists have no special characteristics other than a total confidence and belief in the effectiveness of their own suggestions, and they boost their credibility by adopting tones of voice and mannerisms which strongly influence the suggestible.

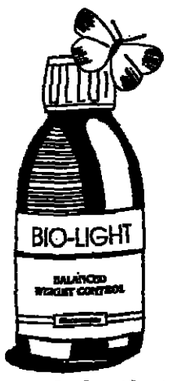
Freud abandoned hypnosis after toying with it for years because he believed its authoritarian style hindered effective psychotherapy. This style and its accompanying ritualistic mystique probably make hypnosis somewhat more open to abuse than other types of therapy.

Ritual or no ritual, hypnosis can have dramatic effects, as Dr James Esdaile's colonial amputees no doubt would have testified. A British Medical Association sub-committee published a report in 1955 recommending that the subject of hypnosis be taught to all medical undergraduates in Britain, and that trainee psychiatrists, anaesthetists and obstetricians be trained in its clinical use.

Yet a survey carried out in 1978 found that such teaching was virtually unheard of in medical and dental schools. No doubt this is in part because doctors are frightened off by the whiff of quackery. Yet after 200 years hypnotism's powerful effects remain to be understood — and maybe one day harnessed more effectively.

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Janet Daley



Most people now accept that marriage has been devalued, and wish to rebuild it

What a pity that the Prime Minister lost his nerve over "family values". Had he been a leader of political passion rather than a backroom fixer, he might have seen through all the cant and the deliberate sabotaging of his message. A lot of real people — as opposed to media chatterers — are deeply worried by the traducing of the traditional family which has swept through popular culture over the past 30 years.

They scarcely needed to be told by academic research that the casual dissolution of marriage was disastrous: that children are not just baggage in the sexual peregrinations of their parents: that what is a transitory personal relationship to two adults is the architecture of the universe for their children.

This week's *Panorama* was something of a milestone: no glib spokespersons argued that the two-parent family is an anachronism which has been superseded by a supermarket full of possibilities.

Instead of self-interested wishful thinking, we had a televisual package of hard truth: from the general — the appalling figures about the long-term consequences for children of marital breakdown — to the particular, in the shape of a heart-breaking little boy who could not be reconciled to his parents' divorce.

But enough has been said about divorce. That is what you get too much of when lots of marriages go wrong. So what has happened to marriage that is causing so many people to feel that theirs is not worth persevering with? Labour politicians claim that poverty is much to blame. But in the 1930s — when poverty meant going without shoes rather than foreign holidays — there was no epidemic of marital breakdown. Partly, of course, this was because divorces were harder to get and separation was not facilitated by a welfare state. What has happened is not that economic stresses have become greater, but that they have largely been removed as a barrier to break-up.

The changes in our view of marriage and the value of permanence have been embodied in the policies of successive governments, which is as it should be. It is the function of democratic government to reflect popular attitudes. Now we are having second thoughts, and once again we need our views reflected in government action. Getting married was once much more than a personal agreement between two people: it was an institution. To enter the married state was to join adult society, a sign of accepting responsibility not just for yourselves and any offspring you might produce, but for your small corner of the social fabric.

Marriage had an inner dimension of domestic and sexual life, and an outer dimension which involved a role in the community: it testified to one's faith in continuity and one's acceptance of the role of law in private life. That is why breaking up a marriage was a kind of crime: because it meant not just backing out of a personal agreement, but letting down a much greater enterprise of which one was a part. So in order to divorce, someone had to be accused and someone proved guilty. Now we are offered the prospect of "no fault" divorce, a discreet solution to a purely private problem.

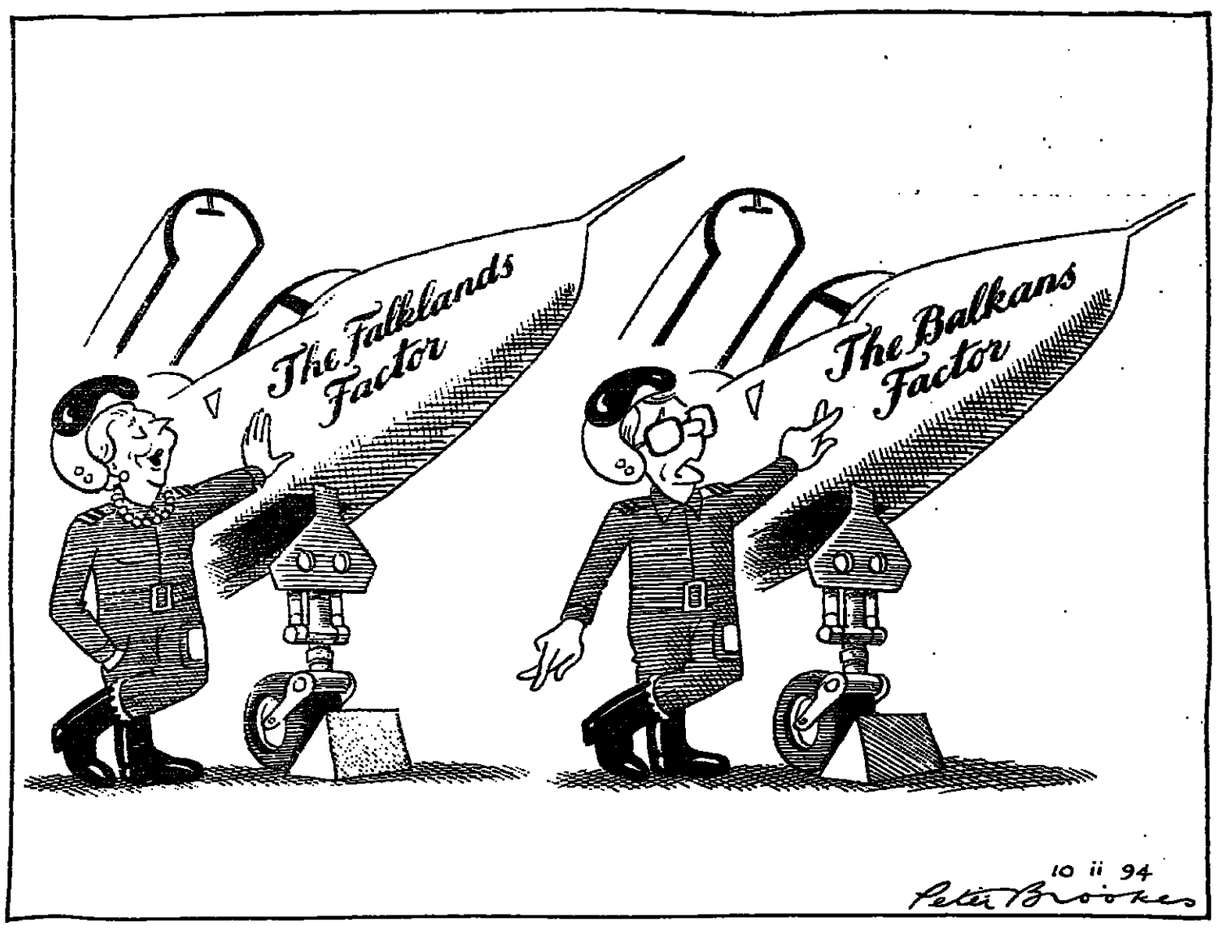
But marriage used to be more than an undertaking to one person. It was also a commitment to wider circles, to the extended family, the neighbourhood, church, class and even country. The respectability which went with being married was not just to do with legalising sexual intercourse. It was an acknowledgement that one was prepared to play a part in the larger enterprise, to take a stake in a communal future. In the wartime generation of my parents, people were not regarded as properly grown up until they were married. And the self-respect that came with that unique step into maturity was what kept an awful lot of people going through the bad patches.

> Marriage meant upholding a corner of the social fabric

Panorama's evidence from the paediatricians and collators of questionnaires from the fascinating Rowntree Trust research project was largely superfluous for the great mass of people who have always sworn that there would be a day of reckoning.

Now that this popular opinion has been vindicated, people will look for leadership out of this calamity. And politicians, like it or not, are the ones who turn vague social aspiration into practical measures. They do not — as Mr Major's weak-willed colleagues seem to think — have to *exemplify* these values for the policies to have integrity. The divorce reformers of the 1960s were not themselves obliged to be divorced.

If ministers were trying to impose an unpopular set of beliefs, then they would be obliged, like any proselytisers, to live by the rules they advocated. But if they are acting on the wishes of the people, then their own habits are scarcely relevant. Marriage was devalued by a generation of politicians because they believed that the people wanted it so. Mr Major probably does believe that there is now widespread regret over this. It is his tragedy that reconstructing an edifice is so much less glamorous than demolishing it.



More grey is forecast

Behind the passing political storms lies a severe economic depression

William Rees-Mogg

At Christmas it began to look as though the Government might be past the worst. The economy showed signs of recovery. The opinion polls had stabilised. John Major was still there, after a year of repeated attack. Some sympathetic commentators started to write optimistic articles.

So the last six weeks have been all the more disappointing for the Conservatives: one way or another, this has been as bad a period as anyone can remember for any government: it is deeply depressing for the Conservative Party. The Prime Minister reminds one of Tennyson's heroine:

> Out flew the web and floated wide;
> The mirror crack'd from side to side;
> "The curse is come upon me," cried
> The Lady of Shalott.

He must wonder what on earth he has done to deserve such a doom.

The individual events of this period have ranged from the trivial (Norman Lamont's lunchtime indiscretions) to the tragic (Stephen Milligan's death). What they have had in common is that they have all cast shadows over the Conservative Party. For hardly any of them could the Prime Minister be held responsible: perhaps he should have been more ruthless in dismissing Mr Yeo, just as he might earlier have been quicker to dismiss David Mellor, but in both cases it was an amiable error of judgment, excessive tolerance of a wounded minister. In January and early February, John Major has seemed extraordinarily unlucky, rather than personally blameworthy. If Winston Churchill himself had been Prime Minister, he could neither have foreseen nor prevented such events.

What might have been different is their impact. Perhaps in other circumstances such events would have been treated as individual indiscretions or disasters, having no significance beyond their impact on the lives of those directly concerned. If they are now perceived as an indictment of the Government, or of the Conservative Party, there must be some real underlying weakness which makes them so damaging.

One factor is the personality of the Prime Minister. His critics should be fair to John Major, even if he belongs to a temperamental type unsuited, in their view, to leadership. Leaders must have vision. They may be good people or bad. They may be kindly or brutal. They may be industrious or lazy. Yet to be effective they must have a sense or direction for their supporters to follow. In recent American history, Ronald Reagan was in this way a leader, but George Bush was uncomfortable with "the vision thing". The one exception to this need for vision in the 20th-century history of British politics has been Clement Attlee. His great election victory in 1945 owed little to his personal vision, and almost everything to the appeal of democratic socialism after the war.

John Major is not a leader of strong imagination or charismatic appeal. The Tory Party has exhausted its sense of mission. The Prime Minister believes in a cautious and pragmatic approach to public administration. He lacks eloquence of mind or language. A respectable body of Conservative political theory supports his approach. Such theorists argue that governments can only make a limited contribution to human welfare, that — as Alexander Pope wrote — "Whate'er is best administered is best." His critics, on the other hand, demand a Prime Minister who — as Joseph Addison wrote of the Duke of Marlborough — "Rides in the whirlwind and directs the storm". What might be called whip-think regards this as too romantic and florid.

The Churchillian view of politics is certainly open to abuse. How does one distinguish it from Carlyle's hero-worship of Frederick the Great or even from the *Führerprinzip* of Nazi Germany? Yet it accords with human experience. Without inspiration and excitement, a political party or government loses momentum. When that happens, secondary events are taken as primary. When the historians come to look at this week's events, which include the decision to use air-power to compel the Serbs to stop bombarding Sarajevo, they will find the newspapers full of the sad details of Stephen Milligan's death. If a leader does not convey the drama of historic issues, trivial ones will predominate.

We have to understand the public mood. If one were dealing with an individual rather than a nation, the diagnosis would be only too obvious. The British are showing the symptoms of clinical depression. There is the feeling of futility, the feeling that no exertion is worth making. There is the feeling of irritability: we are quick to turn on each other. Voters are happy to vote against the Government with no expectation of better government from the parties they thereby support. There is a lack of vitality, both in the Government and in the nation itself. There is this greyness: grey is the colour of depression, just as black is the colour of despair. Only if this mood can be altered will the fortunes of the Government improve. I do not think John Major has the temperamental qualities required to alter it — he seems understandably depressed himself — but I am not sure that any of the other possible leaders, Conservative or Labour, could alter it either.

Such moods of national depression are cyclical. Britain has a more optimistic side to its nature. However, this cyclical depression is now associated with three down-waves which are affecting many countries apart from ourselves. Swinburne wrote of "the great third wave, that never a swimmer shall cross or climb".

The three waves are the downturn of the long-term system of world credit, the transfer of economic strength and growth from Europe to Asia, and the impact of new technologies on old structures of employment. If one looks at the impact of these waves on the average British family, the prospect is for fewer jobs with lower pay.

As in the 1930s, the long-term credit cycle requires a liquidation of debt and the rebuilding of individual, corporate and national balance sheets. The short-term cycle may be in recovery in Britain (it certainly is not in Germany or Japan), but debt liquidation has not been completed, and no new basis for investment has been established. It looks as though the 1990s will see a whole decade of historically low growth in the industrialised world. Yet productivity is rising fast. So the number of good jobs being created falls far short of the number of men and women being trained to fill them.

Europe currently has a growth rate one third of those of the emerging Asian economies, and this underperformance is expected to continue for another 20 years at least. Unemployment in Germany has passed four million, and in the European Community is heading for 20 million. In Britain the unemployment figures have been falling, but that is partly an illusion, as there are more low paid, part-time jobs, but fewer well-paid, full-time jobs.

Machine-age jobs are currently being destroyed more quickly than information-age jobs are being created. Almost every large company expects this to continue. In particular, whole tiers of middle management are becoming redundant, particularly in service industries such as banking and insurance. Each redundancy destroys for good what was a job opportunity. The job opportunity which opens up to replace it is more likely to be in Asia than in Europe.

These three great down-waves are affecting other nations as well as Britain. They contributed to the recent election defeats in the United States, Canada, France, Italy and Japan; they seem likely to defeat Chancellor Kohl in Germany. They are the primary causes of the exceptional unpopularity of the British Government. The scandals and tragedies of recent weeks are secondary infections, which have become serious only because they are attacking an already weakened body. The Conservative Party has been in power too long, and the public is bored and resentful.

No European party has an adequate strategy for dealing with any of the three down-cycles, although the French socialist strategy, supported by Jacques Delors, would do more harm than any other. In the absence of such a strategy, changes of ministers are only a superficial response, although in France Edouard Balladur has shown that an agreeable personal style can be helpful. After the defeats to be expected in May's local government elections, June's European elections, and now the Eastleigh by-election, the Conservatives may well change their leader. This will not rejuvenate the party or make its medicines work better, but it might improve the doctor's bedside manner.

Gould's mistimed chances

Anthony Howard on a man of awkward merit

The prospective departure of Bryan Gould from British public life marks the end of a sad personal story. But it is still essentially a personal rather than a political story. Even in the context of the Labour left, Gould was always a curiously anomalous figure. He may recently have enjoyed the plaudits of the Tribune group — which he certainly deserves for his firm advocacy of full employment — but it is not so very long since he was proudly proclaimed as the first of Labour's "modernisers".

It is hard today to recapture the mood of 1987 when, as election co-ordinator, Gould was virtually in charge of the glitzy first Kinnock campaign. Then, with Peter Mandelson, he was the man who brought the party modern marketing techniques. No one at that stage was closer to Neil Kinnock — and, though three years older than Labour's then leader, he was spoken of as Kinnock's heir apparent.

What went wrong? The swift answer lies in the back-room deals of politics. After Labour's defeat in 1987, when the Opposition front bench needed brightening up, Gould desperately wanted to be appointed shadow Chancellor. He certainly had a strong claim to the job, but two men were determined that he should not get it: the outgoing shadow Chancellor and deputy leader, Roy Hattersley, and the then shadow spokesman on trade and industry, John Smith.

Despite regular briefings from Walworth Road suggesting that Gould had the post in the bag, they successfully blocked him. However reluctantly, Kinnock was compelled to announce that the next shadow Chancellor would be John Smith. The old axis from the 1983 leadership election (when Smith acted as Hattersley's campaign manager) had forced its will upon Labour's leader.

In one sense, Gould's career as a front-ranking Opposition politician never recovered. At the 1987 party conference, he was actually booed when urging the party to come to terms with capitalism — as ill-luck would have it virtually on the eve of Black Monday and the stockmarket crash.

Later came a tendency to make policy on the hoof; even Kinnock was irritated when Gould seemed to give a hostage to fortune over Labour's plans for mortgages. Nor was he much more successful with his attacks on the poll tax — imperilling Labour's own assault by a unilateral invention of his own which the Tories promptly dubbed the "roof tax".

The clue to Gould's basic political convictions lies perhaps in his early association with Peter Shore, whose PPS he was after first entering Parliament in 1974. The two men were certainly both antipathetic towards Europe. When Gould spoke against Community policies for raising tariffs against the outside world, he was dismissed from his post at the demand of the then Prime Minister, Jim Callaghan. Throughout the next three years, to his credit, Shore did not replaced him.

But Shore himself was always one of the most conservative members of Callaghan's cabinet — and at that stage there was certainly nothing to suggest that Gould's heart belonged to the left. There was not much indication of that either in the "revisionist" work he wrote in 1989, *A Future For Socialism*. That title, though, was a deliberate echo, and if there is real cause to mourn Gould's defection, it is because he is one of the last heirs of Anthony Crosland to remain in Labour's ranks. Not to put too fine a point on it, he is at least — with his background as a Rhodes scholar and a top-flight BCL degree from Oxford — entitled to be considered an intellectual. With the possible exception of that inveterate and stimulating heretic, Frank Field, there is hardly another one left in the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Gould's moment of truth almost certainly came when he risked standing against John Smith for the party leadership in July 1992. He was not only defeated: he was annihilated, getting less than 10 per cent of the total vote. I recall speaking to him for *Newsnight* that afternoon at the Royal Horticultural Hall. He put a brave face on things, but it was clear to me that he had seen his political dream shattered. John Smith then offered him the derisory post of shadow National Heritage spokesman, later treading his removal from the National Executive and resignation from the shadow cabinet with equanimity bordering on relief.

If there were any justice in the political world, Bryan Gould should have come into his own at the moment the ERM policy collapsed. But to be prematurely right in politics tends not to make you popular. By then the man who had been the mascot of the New Model Labour Party had been sidelined.

The truth is that the former diplomat, law don and television interviewer was never cut out for the rough-and-tumble of party combat. He lacked Denis Healey's brutality, Dick Crossman's versatility, or Tony Crosland's inimitable disdain. In Labour politics, he was — as was once said of Roy Jenkins — "the man of inconvenient merit".

Playing for safety

AS Eastleigh constituency officials come to terms with the tragic loss of their MP, former colleagues of Stephen Milligan are already speculating about the choice of by-election candidate. But although an agent has already been dispatched to the constituency by Central Office, the early consensus is that would-be Tory MPs will be slow in putting their names forward for this one.

"A poisoned chalice": "Look what happened to the others": "No thank you" — go the cries. Which is not unreasonable, given the price paid by previous by-election candidates for the dubious privilege of three weeks of unrelenting media attention, intense scrutiny of their personal lives, plus an uncertain welcome on a thousand doorsteps.

Remember, poor Rob Hayward, the Christchurch candidate, who has now relinquished politics? Or Julian "Mr Blobby" Davidson, vanquished by voters at Newbury and dumped by the local party never to be heard of again.

The risk of never recovering from a mid-term reverse means two political hopefuls with strong credentials for Eastleigh can probably already be ruled out. One is Patrick Rock, a long-serving political adviser, who lost the Portsmouth South by-election to the SDP, and who, ironically, is another close friend of *Daily Telegraph* reporter Julie Kirkbride. Another is Christopher Chope, who lost his seat at nearby Southampton Itchen in 1992.

Best advice to local officials — apparently endorsed privately by the party vice-chairman Dame Angela Rumbold — is to opt for "a good local woman".

● *A footnote to our story describing the anguish on Tuesday within the BBC on reporting the bizarre circumstances of Stephen Milligan's death is a memo advising all regional stations what could and could not be mentioned on air. "We can now say that he was wearing women's clothing, we can say he had a plastic bag on his head, and we can mention that he was bound with flex," advised the BBC bigwigs. "But on no account mention fruit."*

Tainted by expertise

CLIPPED-TONED commentators have been trembling in front of their microphones ever since Liz Forgan, head of radio at the BBC, called last month for a new breed of announcers with regional accents for Radio 3.

And there are clear indications that their fear is well placed. A presenter of *Farming Today* has been sacked because his voice reminds Michael Green, controller of Radio 4, too much of the World Service.

George Macpherson, who does indeed broadcast for the World Service, will stop presenting *Farming Today* in March, although he will still work as producer of the programme.

Macpherson refuses to comment on the decision, but a horny-handed BBC source is more forthcoming. "Like so many in the BBC, George has been tainted by experience."

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Political correctness is reaching ridiculous proportions in the United States, where there are reports of a Barbie Liberation Organisation kidnapping Barbie dolls and their male equivalents, GI Joe dolls, to swap their voice boxes. The attempt to "combat gender stereotypes" now has the dolls saying "Eat lead, Cobra", while the GI Joes extol the benefits of shopping.*

Devil's own job

He may only be acting-editor, but Donald Trelford is determined that the *Oldie* gathers no moss during his time in charge. Having already introduced a sports page to the magazine, the former editor of *The Observer* is close to agreeing terms with Sir Kingsley Amis for a restaurant column.

"It's not finally agreed yet," says Amis, whose next book, *You Can't Do Both*, is out in September. But a contract has been submitted to his agent and it should be signed shortly. So what can *Oldie* readers expect? "The column will not just be about food," says Amis. "It will include service, atmosphere and things like that."

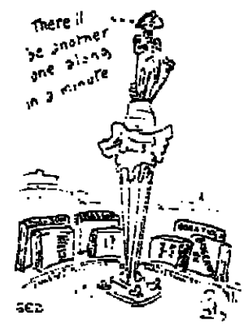
Trelford reckons Amis is perfect for the job. "He is a great writer, he is a great trencherman and he is a great *Oldie*."

Prolific columnist

ENGLAND, it seems, expects every writer to do his duty and produce a biography of Nelson. Barry Unsworth included. Unsworth, joint winner of the 1992 Booker Prize winner with his novel *Sacred Hunger*, is giving fiction a rest to write a a biography of the nation's greatest sea-farer.

"It is his first work of non-fiction," says his publisher Penelope Hoare of Sinclair-Stevenson. "He knows about the sea. He knows about the period and he knows about research. It will be an excellent book."

That's the sailing sorted, but what about the sex? Some pundits believe the frequency of Nelson biographies (a work by Christopher Hibbert is expected shortly) means there is little likelihood of much new being unearthed.



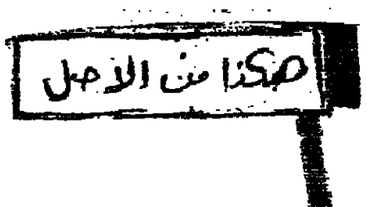
"His letters were published in Victorian times," says Colin White, curator of the Royal Naval Museum at Portsmouth. "So it's well known he had Emma Hamilton as his mistress and that despite being extremely kind and warm, he was rather cruel to his wife."

White's own reference work, *The Nelson Companion*, is due out next year. "I suppose it's a classic case of London buses," he says philisophically.

Peaks and Valleys

HURRIED celebrations are being arranged at the Cardiff-based production company Pendefig, after its film *Hedd Wyn* unexpectedly earned Britain an Oscar nomination in the "best foreign language" category. Competing against box-office successes such as *Farewell, My Concubine* and *Belle Epoque*, the Welsh language film, which tells the moving tale of a young Welsh poet, looks a long-shot for the statuette. But celebrations have already begun.

"They might not be dancing in the Valleys, but I imagine the local pubs will do a roaring trade," says producer Shan Davies.



DOG DAYS WITH DENG

China sees its paramount leader, but not for long

Deng Xiaoping's appearance yesterday on Chinese television, his first for over a year, is more likely to concentrate Chinese minds on his demise than to bolster official assurances of his good health. So frail that he had to be supported on both sides by his daughters, China's 89 year-old paramount leader was seen, but not heard, as he entered the Shanghai reception marking the advent of the Year of the Dog. His chief ideological foe among the old guard, Chen Yun, was given almost equal prominence. And there was none of Mr Deng's celebrated pithiness in the banal new year's greetings he was officially reported to have uttered. His alleged call for unity reflects, rather, the anxieties of his rivals for the succession.

So acute is the fear in Peking that the centre may not hold when the old man dies that, unprecedentedly in Communist China, Me Deng's death has ceased to be a taboo subject. Last September, a lengthy report by the Chinese Academy of Sciences dared to suggest that in post-Deng China, "a situation like post-Tito Yugoslavia might emerge", with economic collapse followed by political disintegration.

Such musings, even in a document circulated only to the Party élite, are explosive in a country with no tradition of peaceful political change, and would under Mao Tse-Tung have brought swift retribution for "counter-revolutionary" behaviour. They cut still closer to the marrow today, since none of the rival contenders for power can claim the old man's blessing. Yet the authors who thus raised the spectre of end-of-dynasty turmoil went unrebuked. Last month, the mass-circulation *China Youth Daily* published a further article by an Academy member warning of disastrous consequences if "the process of transferring power is mishandled".

There is plenty of tinder, should divisions paralyse the central government post-Deng. Last year more than 200 riots were officially reported among China's 900 million peasants, many of them pushed aside in China's rush to modernise. An estimated 130 million can no longer find work in the countryside, and 10 million are heading for cities and coastal boom areas. Indispensable reforms of China's state industries could add another 150 million urban employed — beneficiaries for decades of Mao's "iron rice bowl" cradle-to-grave socialism.

Handling all this requires clear policies, deftly balanced, as Peking struggles to rein in China's galloping economy. Instead Zhu Rongji, the reforming vice-premier, has to contend with dogged obstruction from powerful local bosses, and from rivals in the Party's Central Committee who see political advantage in parroting Dengisms such as "only fast growth is socialism".

Since July, Mr Zhu has been trying to rein in credits, restore fiscal discipline and reform state industry and the banking system, without slamming on the brakes so hard as to provoke a serious escalation in social unrest. But he has been repeatedly forced by his rivals to change tack. The purse strings were tightened only to be loosened, allowing industrial growth to soar to 30 per cent in December, taking inflation with it, before controls were abruptly reimposed.

Inflation stokes up resentment against the plutocrats who have made fortunes in China's runaway property boom, and against the corrupt officials hand in glove with them. The poor are suffering real hardship — the cost of vegetables rose last year by 40 per cent — and Mr Zhu is on record that the Party could lose so much support on this grassroots issue that "we will have no control over the situation". To combine capitalist techniques with communist controls is inherently risky. In China's anteroom of death, the tightrope seems tantalisingly close to snapping.

GOULD THE GOAD

Labour is losing one of its fiercest, if flawed, critics

Bryan Gould, once the epitome of Labour's "red rose" rebirth in 1986, became John Smith's sharpest thorn after the 1992 election. The transformation from right-wing moderniser to left-wing troublemaker was never entirely convincing. But many of his criticisms, like thorns, drew blood. And now that he is leaving Parliament, the Labour Party will be the poorer for the loss of his eclectic, if erratic, brand of dissent.

Mr Gould, in his 15 years in Parliament, showed himself capable of almost Wilsonian opportunism in his bid for popularity within the party. Just as Wilson liked to portray himself as more left-wing than he really was, in order to fend off the threat from right-wingers such as George Brown, James Callaghan and Roy Jenkins, Mr Gould realised that if his main rival for the leadership was to be Mr Smith, he would have to change his ideological clothes.

The tactic could not work because Mr Gould never looked like a man of the left. He naturally fitted into the mould of an intelligent, articulate, middle-class south-erner who recognised that Labour had to change to reflect broader changes in society. When he criticised John Smith's 1992 shadow Budget for capping people's aspirations, he sounded sincere; when, more recently, he complained that Gordon Brown was letting off the rich too lightly, his words rang hollow. Similarly he was more convincing when arguing for one-member-one-vote than, at last year's conference, berating John Smith for alienating the trade unions.

Mr Gould's personal animus towards Mr Smith seems to have sprung mainly from rivalry. Immediately after the 1987 election, in which Mr Gould shone as campaign co-ordinator, he would have liked to have been made shadow Chancellor. Instead Mr Smith won the job, despite Mr Gould's popularity: that autumn Mr Gould easily topped the shadow cabinet poll and sailed onto the national executive committee at his first attempt. After that the two men clashed frequently in shadow cabinet. Mr Gould had no chance of beating Mr Smith in the leadership election of 1992: he had never built up a power base and colleagues mistrusted his judgment.

But running through Mr Gould's political life has been one consistent strand: a deep scepticism about Britain's membership of the European Community. Peter Shore was his mentor, and the two of them maintained a guerrilla war against Labour's conversion to Europe, at some times more muted than at others. Mr Gould's economic policies reflect his view that Britain ought to able to go it alone: his enthusiasm for a national economics with import controls and devaluation smacks of the sort of "socialism in one country" that President Mitterrand tried and failed with in the early 1980s.

While his policy prescriptions may have been outdated or utopian, Mr Gould's criticisms of John Smith's regime were often to the point. His pleas for the Labour leadership to be more expansive, more led by ideas and more alert to the changes facing Britain still deserve to be heeded. And though his scepticism about Maastricht was somewhat clouded by his anti-Europeanism, he raised many questions about the dangers of European integration that Labour has yet to answer. Mr Smith may be relieved by the departure of his chief rival, but his criticisms of Labour's inertia and complacency remain as valid as ever. Without Mr Gould's constant goading, the Labour leadership may find it harder to shake these charges off.

THE MULCH OF LOVE

Lettuce now praise Classic FM

Surely music is the food of love, not compost for onions? The transplantation of *Gardeners' Question Time* from Radio 4 to Classic FM deals a major blow to conventional wisdom. The long-serving team of one of radio's most popular programmes has uprooted from the BBC and repotted itself with Radio Three's brash young competitor. Have the panelists wilted in the scorching heat of the Birtian BBC? Will trowel or Trovatore ever be the same again?

GQT, as it is known by its fans, has been on the air since 1947 and is one of the BBC's longest-running programmes. Most of its listeners are deemed by audience research to be well established women — that is, older than the programme itself. In its traditional format the panel met in a village hall to discuss with the audience, and gardeners-on-telephone, such topics as mildew on vegetable marrows and the disappointments of dahlias grown in alkaline soils on eastward-facing slopes.

The BBC decided, however, that the programme should become more entertaining for a younger, more suburban and less middle-class audience. Enter Classic FM, committed to preserve the older format for its *Classic Gardening Forum*. The station's licence dictates, however, that the programme's traditional question and answer sequences be interspersed with classical music. The search is now on for pieces appropriate to flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Here may sprout a little difficulty: there is the renowned "green opera", Mozart's *La finta giardiniera*, but the countess in love, disguised as a gardener, seems better at human intrigue than bedding-out plants. There are notable pastoral symphonies, though the composer of the most famous protested that it was "rather an expression of feeling than pictorial representation". Flowers feature in some of the *lieder* as emblems of mortality or the fragility of love; and the best of British opera is performed at either end of Covent Garden.

But listeners to *Gardeners' Question Time* are as devoted to robust vegetables as they are to frail flowers. Vegetables have been given short shrift by musicians. Percy Grainger managed to incorporate some earthy music in his *Country Gardens*, and *Gilbert* serenaded a vegetable love for a bashful young potato, or a not-too-French French bean. *Salad Days* and *Share My Lettuce* are not past their sing-by dates, at any rate by amateur performers. But turnips and beetroot are musically neglected, and if Classic FM needs an operetta on Brussels sprouts, it will have to commission one.

Gardening is man's effort to improve his lot. Music is his relaxation to delight his mind. Both are forms of culture in the broad sense, and the new producers deserve the best of luck in trying to bring them together. In the words of the song from *Ecclesiasticus*, "Lettuce now praise Classic FM".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for concerted action on Bosnia

From Dr R. L. Wokler

Sir, Sir Edward Heath's objections to air strikes in Bosnia (article, February 8) are lamentably misguided. The justification for aerial attacks, as well as for the lifting of the arms embargo against the Bosnian state forces, has always been to minimise civilian casualties overall and to promote peace negotiations by putting a price upon further Serbian aggression.

If a multilateral response to terror is now deemed too risky, then the UN, Nato and the European Community might as well be dissolved altogether.

The principal factor which has made this catastrophe possible is not some peculiarly Balkan legacy of religious hatred or racial differences built up over centuries, but the absence of a concerted foreign policy by the governments of Western Europe to deal with the current decomposition of states at its borders.

It is barbarous to send humanitarian aid to civilians awaiting slaughter, and then to oppose military assistance so as not to jeopardise the lives of relief workers.

How does Sir Edward's vision of cosmopolitan Europe differ, in effect, from the nationalist jingoism of some other Conservatives? Unless wiser counsel prevails, British diplomacy will be synonymous with appeasement, and we shall lose by default our already tenuous hold upon a permanent seat in the Security Council.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WOKLER,
University of Manchester,
Department of Government,
Manchester M13 9PL.
February 9.

From Mr D. W. Berry

Sir, Today I read in one of your correspondents' reports from the former Yugoslavia that "Bosnian forces often open fire first, killing Serb civilians". They go on to refer to "the Serb response".

Surely this throws a fresh light on what is happening. I have not seen this aspect reported before, and it is almost never shown or referred to on television.

Similarly, although the UNHCR reports that there are over half a million refugees in Serbia and Montenegro, I cannot recall seeing any of these being interviewed on television, or reading newspaper reports of their plight.

Are we being given a true picture of this terrible civil war?

Yours faithfully,
D. BERRY,
137 Pullman Court,
Streatham Hill, SW2.
February 7.

Death of Tory MP

From Mrs Bernadette J. N. R. Forcey

Sir, What is most tragic about the death of Stephen Milligan is that he will not be remembered as the gifted young politician he was but as the "tragic Tory MP" who died in lurid circumstances.

In France the privacy laws provide strict control on the release of cause of death. Whom does it benefit to know the details? His family and friends are left with the shame and embarrassment long after the cheap tabloid titillation has been forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
BERNADETTE FORCEY,
35 Wandle Road, SW17.
February 9.

From Mrs Joanna Hase

Sir, Another occasion has arisen for the jackals of the tabloid press to get stirred up into a feeding frenzy. I applaud the dignity with which *The Times* has dealt with the sad business of Stephen Milligan's death, especially Libby Purves's article (February 9). Except for the accident of his death, his actions should have been nobody's concern except his own. His family and friends have my deepest sympathy.

Yours faithfully,
J. HASE,
Morgans, East End Road,
Stunham Aspal, Stowmarket, Suffolk.
February 9.

People power

From Ms Dione Coumbe

Sir, Matthew Parris, writing (article, February 9) of the private behaviour of MPs, states that the power of elected representatives in Parliament is "almost zero". Where does this leave the electorate?

Yours faithfully,
DIONE COUMBE,
293 London Road, Dover, Kent.
February 9.

Confusing signals

From Mr G. G. Thomason

Sir, Is it too much to hope that the next buzzword will avoid the same initials as police constable, per cent, postcard, personal computer and political correctness?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFF THOMASON,
Silverdale, 8 Ouseley Road,
Old Windsor, Berkshire.

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European role in US policy on Cuba

From Mr David Tate

Sir, The suggestion in your leading article, "Clinton and Castro" (February 7), that there is a need for the United States to rethink its policy towards Cuba in the light of the changed international environment, is most welcome. However, there is a growing awareness amongst many in Europe and in the Caribbean that European governments, the European Union and the European private sector may have an important role to play in this process.

At present there is a marked reluctance to engage in dialogue with Cuba unless there are clear signs of political and economic reform. However, the West India Committee believes that this is short-sighted.

A change in policy by European governments aimed at encouraging investment and joint ventures, and the provision of technical assistance, humanitarian relief, management training and scholarships will hasten such change and economic reform. Indeed, it is a process which we ought to be able to recognise from our recent experience in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Through active participation in the Cuban economic restructuring process, which may well accelerate after the next meeting of the Cuban National Assembly, Britain and its partners in Europe can prove that free enterprise is the only viable way forward while taking a leading position in a market currently denied to the Americans.

By providing support we can help the Cuban people move towards a mixed economy and political pluralism, whilst enabling them to retain the gains in education and healthcare of the last 35 years.

The European Union and in particular the United Kingdom can help Cuba and its government undertake a successful and stable transition to a market economy. It will be in no one's interest if we allow present US policies to lead Cuba, and by association the Caribbean region, to instability and chaos.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID TATE
(Chairman),
West India Committee/
Caribbean Council for Europe,
Nelson House,
8-9 Northumberland Street, WC2.
February 7.

From Mr Glenn Calderwood

Sir, In saying that the embargo against Cuba must be lifted when democracy, human rights and property restitution have been addressed, you come close to restating the policy that exists at present. This would not be any kind of rethink of US policy towards Cuba. None of these things is on the agenda under Castro.

Cuban elections are fraudulent, the prisons hold at least 5,000 political prisoners, there is full censorship and the people are not allowed to emigrate. Not only does the possibility of the "Haiti-isation" of Cuba rest upon the future of the embargo; so does the freedom of ten million people trapped in Castro's land that time forgot.

If the human rights and democracy policy of the current Cuban regime were so dramatically changed, there would be no supporters abroad of an embargo, even amongst the hard-liners — only Cuban exiles happy to return home.

Yours,
GLENN CALDERWOOD
(International Campaigns Officer),
International Society for
Human Rights,
27 Old Gloucester Street, WC1.

Nursing in London

From Dr and Mrs John Fry

Sir, As a past nursing sister and a medical graduate of Guy's Hospital we are concerned over a recent communication from the director of the Nightingale Institute, the new academic college for nurses.

This announces the demise not only of the Guy's Hospital nursing school, but also those of St Thomas' and King's College Hospitals and merging them into the Nightingale Institute to be sited at King's College, London. We also see that St Thomas' is likely to replace Guy's as the main teaching hospital (report, February 9).

Our concern is not only with the loss of independence of the three nursing schools, each with a worldwide reputation, but even more with the principles behind the action.

The prime reason appears to be a desire to make nursing an academic profession and for nurses to become equal partners in the "health care team". Nowhere in the communication is there any mention of traditional caring bedside nursing, which appears to have a secondary role to academic higher education.

These far-reaching events must be related to other NHS changes. According to the Government's Social Trends 1994 document, between 1986 and 1992 the number of hospital nurses fell by 20,900 or 4 per cent (from 505,400 to 484,500), doctors went up by 6,400 or 12 per cent (52,400 to 58,800), and hospital administrators and clerical staff rose by 49,800 or 36 per cent (137,200 to 187,000).

In our view the effects of these policies should be re-examined and corrected.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FRY,
G. A. FRY,
3 Kings Court, Kelsey Park Avenue,
Beckenham, Kent.
February 9.

Therapy and crime

From the General Secretary, Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir, Janet Daley (article, February 3) envisages "punishment" as being incompatible with action intended to change an offender's behaviour. She says "the purpose of the law is to prohibit certain acts". That clearly means to change the behaviour of those who commit those acts. Most offenders who receive straightforward penal sentences do not repeat their criminal behaviour.

Mrs Daley says that a probation order requiring Patrick Weighell's attendance at a course designed to change behaviour after assaults on his infant son (reports, February 1, 2) involves "no punishment as such". Community penalties are defined primarily in terms of how much restriction of liberty they involve, as are prison sentences. There is substantial restriction of liberty in a probation order of 18 months; even more with a compulsory training course added on. The courses are designed to change behaviour.

Mrs Daley implies that seeking to change behaviour is the same as "evaluating and restructuring personalities" or reshaping people's temperaments. This is not so. Society requires offenders to recognise their responsibilities to others and make a clear decision to change their behaviour. It will be well served if this can be achieved within the context of a coherent sentencing framework.

Yours sincerely,
BILL WESTON,
General Secretary,
Association of Chief Officers
of Probation,
212 Whitechapel Road, E1.
February 3.

From Mr David Simons

Sir, I am extremely dubious, as is Janet Daley, about the likely effectiveness of the "therapeutic sentence" passed on Patrick Weighell. Like many practising psychotherapists, I believe that the strongest prognostic factor in virtually any psycho-therapeutic intervention is the patient's motivation. (For example, the smoker sent to see me by his spouse is far less likely to stop smoking than someone attending of his own volition.)

It takes only one psychotherapist to change a light bulb; the bulb must want to change.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SIMONS,
The Old Mill, Calver Road,
Baslow, Derbyshire.
February 3.

Parking penalties

From Mr Ansel Harris

Sir, Twice in the recent past, but only after extensive correspondence with, amongst others, yourself (letter, June 23, 1992), I have succeeded in having inappropriately levied parking fines and charges withdrawn.

On each occasion the alleged offence occurred because of ambiguous or contradictory regulations instituted by the individual boroughs which control these matters in London. On one occasion the problem arose because three sides of Lincoln's Inn Fields are in Camden and the fourth in Westminster, where different restrictions apply.

Many of the frustrations and annoyances discussed in recent letters (January 29, February 5) could be eliminated, time and costs saved and traffic flow improved by a simple expedient of instituting unified parking regulations, at least for inner London.

Yours faithfully,
ANSEL HARRIS,
23 Ferncroft Avenue, NW3.
February 7.

Best bat

From Mr Michael W. Jeffels

Sir, In your leader of February 5, "Everyone's first eleven", you state that Graham Gooch's 333 scored against India was the highest score by an English opening batsman in a Test match.

Oh dear, oh dear, I thought everyone knew that a 22-year-old Yorkshire batsman, by the name of Len Hutton, scored 364 against Australia at the Oval in 1938.

Yes, I do happen to have a painting of Sir Leonard Hutton over my word processor and, yes, I am a member of the Yorkshire County Club and, yes, my eldest son's second name is Leonard; but surely I am not unique in these respects.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL W. JEFFELS,
43 Tunwells Lane,
Great Shelford, Cambridge.
February 5.

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Risks of benzene in air we breathe

From Dr Jeremy Vanke

Sir, I have been reading your current series, "The air you breathe", and your leading article, "Beware benzene" (February 3), with increasing interest. RAC research has shown very clearly that we have a particular vehicle emission problem, namely the so called "gross polluter".

Gross polluters are very dirty cars — one gross polluter causes around the same emissions as 40 to 50 "clean" cars and over half of vehicle-generated pollution comes from these vehicles (which make up only 10 per cent of the vehicles on the road).

They are almost without exception poorly maintained and the link between maintenance and emissions (and hence air quality) is one which is too often ignored. Targeting this group with enforcement measures for rectification could represent a very cost-efficient and effective means of reducing emissions.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY VANKE
(Manager, Environment Affairs),
RAC Motoring Services,
14 Cockspur Street, SW1.
February 3.

From Professor Anthony Seaton

Sir, Lest your readers have been alarmed by your reports and leading article (February 3) that Londoners and rural motorists, in particular, are at risk of leukaemia from venturing into the streets, I should point to a clear statement in the report, published on February 2, of the Government's independent expert panel on air quality standards, which I chair.

We said: "In recommending a running annual average of 5 parts per billion the panel recognise that current annual average concentrations of benzene to which the general public are exposed in the United Kingdom's air (which rarely exceed this concentration) present an exceedingly small risk to health."

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SEATON,
University of Aberdeen
Medical School,
Department of Environmental
and Occupational Medicine,
Foresterhill, Aberdeen.
February 7.

From Dr Martin Berger

Sir, The dangers of benzene have been apparent for some decades and we now worry about parts per billion. But in our college laboratories in the 1940s we handled benzene with abandon. It is the starting point for many common aromatic derivatives and we used it as budding chemists to learn our craft.

We thus converted it in open flasks with other agents; we sucked it up pipettes by mouth to deliver accurately controlled volumes of this ideal diluent; we occasionally washed our hands with it; in a boisterous mood, we squirted it at each other from wash bottles.

Most of us appear to have got off scot-free. We might well say, "There but for the grace of God . . .".

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BERGER,
7 Greenvale Drive,
Cheadle, Cheshire.

From Ms Denise Briggs

Sir, Professor Robert Harkness proposes (letter, February 2) that more effort should be directed at identifying the causes of "respiratory distress" or asthma, in order to avoid them.

The use of "puffers" enables me to enjoy going to concerts or for a summer evening's walk, and to spend time with my friends, some of whom keep cats and I would otherwise have to avoid. I intend to live my life to the full: to control my asthma and not to let my asthma control me.

Yours sincerely,
DENISE BRIGGS,
36 Wisden Avenue,
Burgess Hill, West Sussex.
February 3.

It's a wind-up

From Mr John Campbell-Kease

Sir, Had the caption to the photograph (February 3) of the almost empty room on display at the Tate Gallery in Liverpool not informed me that the mechanical device depicted was a "hand-turned record player", I would have sworn it was an old-fashioned wind-up gramophone.

Yours truly,
JOHN CAMPBELL-KEASE,
Pleck Farm House,
Hazelbury Bryan,
Sturminster, Newton, Dorset.
February 4.

Safety first

From Mrs Ba Miller

Sir, Your letters on the odd labelling of electrical devices (January 24, 27, 29, 31, February 1, 5) remind me of the red poinsettia given to me last Christmas. Included were instructions on its care and the following caution: "It is inadvisable to consume this product."

Can there be many people with a penchant for eating pot plants?

Yours faithfully,
BA MILLER,
2 Oakdale, Mill Road,
South Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.
February 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 9: The President of the Republic of Armenia and Mrs Ter-Petrossian this morning visited The Queen.

Her Majesty later visited the Old Bailey, London EC4, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Alderman Paul Newall).

The Queen honoured the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Judges of the Central Criminal Court with her presence at Luncheon.

The Lady Susan Hussey and Sir Kenneth Scott were in attendance.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, International President, WWF — World Wide Fund for Nature, this morning left Royal Air Force Marham for the Kingdom of Denmark.

His Royal Highness arrived at Newcastle International Airport from the Kingdom of Denmark this evening and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley KG).

The Duke of Edinburgh later attended the North East Businessman of the Year Dinner at the Swallow Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

February 9: The Prince Edward this evening attended the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates' Hilary Term Dinner at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 9: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Annual Dinner of the West London Architectural Society at the Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited HMS Sandown in Portsmouth Royal Naval Dockyard, Hampshire.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 9: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Euravia Engineering and Supply Company Limited, New Road, Earby, Lancashire and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Sir Simon Towneley).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited E Slinger and Sons Limited, Balfour Street, Great Harwood and later visited Philips Components Limited, Philips Road, Blackburn, Lancashire. Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

Memorial service

Major and Mrs Francis Jones
The Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed read the second lesson at a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the lives of Major and Mrs Francis Jones held yesterday in St Davids Cathedral, Dyfed. The Dean of St Davids officiated, assisted by the Rev Andrew Herrick, succentor. Sir Colin Cole read the first lesson. Mr Hugh Charles-Jones and Mr Dedwydd Jones, sons, paid tribute and the Very Rev Dr Gordon MacWilliam gave an address. The Bishop of St Davids pronounced the blessing.

Major Jones's tabard and collar of SS's were on display in front of the lectern.

Sam Wanamaker
A celebration of the life of Sam Wanamaker, CBE, will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 1994 in Southwark Cathedral at 11.30am. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Shakespeare reconstruction.

Aileen, Viscountess Slim
A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Aileen, Viscountess Slim will be held in The Chapel of The Royal Hospital Chelsea, on March 30, 1994, at 11.00am.

Birthdays today

Mr Larry Adler, mouth organist, 80; Mr Michael Apted, film director, 53; Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagnall, 67; Sir Michael Bishop, chairman, British Midland Airways, 52; Miss Olwyn Bowey, painter, 58; Dr Alexander Comfort, physician, poet and novelist, 74; Mr John Hayes, secretary general, Law Society, 49; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, botanist, 74; the Rev Donald Hilton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and Provincial Moderator of the Yorkshire Province, 62; Mr Norman Kark, publisher, 96; Mr Keith Mans, MP, 48; Mr Peter Middleton, chief executive officer, Lloyd's, 54; Lord Milne, 85; Mr Greg Norman, golfer, 39; Lord Orr-Ewing, 82; Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, 76; Miss Leontyne Price, soprano, 67; Sir Idwal Pugh, former Ombudsman, 76; Miss Gail Rebuck, chairman and chief executive, Random House, 42; Lord Justice Rose, 57; Mr Mark Spitz, swimmer, 44; Mr Robert Wagner, actor, 64.

Middle Temple

D Calvert-Smith and T A W Lloyd QC to be Masters of the Bench.

ADRIAN BROOKS



John Freeborn, deputy director of the RAF museum, inside the historic hangar at Hendon, north London, where Claude Grahame-White, an aviation pioneer, set up his company and trained many early pilots

RAF museum fights to save old hangar

A DELEGATION of MPs from the Commons heritage committee yesterday picked its way around a derelict aircraft hangar in north London and inspected a pavilion once used by royalty to watch some of the great displays of early flying (John Young writes).

The RAF Museum in Hendon wants to acquire the buildings, both listed grade 2, and 25 acres of disused land to provide extra display space. But the defence ministry, determined to maximise profits from the disposal of surplus military property, is still seeking a commercial developer.

The London Aerodrome was established in 1911 by Claude Grahame-White, the aviation pioneer, whose company trained pilots and was licensed to carry Britain's first airmail deliveries. Between the wars Hendon became the scene of air pageants which were the forerunners of the Farnborough Air Show.

John Freeborn, the museum's deputy director, would like to renovate Grahame-White's hangar. He is supported by Barnet council and by John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon north, and a member of the heritage committee.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.C.L. Fordham and Miss L.M. Stephen
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derek Fordham, of Dulwich, London, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Stephen, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Mr H.C. Godsal and Miss S.J. Angus
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr Alan and Lady Elizabeth Godsal, of Haines Hill, Berkshire, and Sam, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Angus, of El Campillo, Madrid.

Mr C.D.J. Holborow and Miss L.C. Powell
The engagement is announced between Crispin, son of Mr Geoffrey and Lady Mary Holborow, of Ladock, Cornwall, and Louise, daughter of Major and Mrs Johnnie Powell, of Corscombe, Dorset.

Mr H.R.A. Jones and Miss A.M. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Harvey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Jones, of Peaslake, Surrey, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr Geraint Thomas and Mrs Kay Thomas, of Peaslake, Surrey.

Mr P.E. Palmer and Miss N. Hands
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs K. Palmer, of Lisalway, Co Roscommon, Ireland, and Newby, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Hands, of Oxford, Oxon.

Mr J.H.B. Wright and Miss C.J.E. Tosh
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Wright, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Tosh, of West Clandon, Surrey.

Mr M.A. Carpenter and Miss M.S.M. Ulyatt
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr John Carpenter, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Mrs David Miller, of Dursley, Gloucestershire, and Mary Stella Miranda, daughter of Dr and the Hon Mrs K.W. Ulyatt, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr S.R. Hillsdon and Miss L.E. Nicholl
The engagement is announced between Steve Robert, eldest son of Mr D.R. Hillsdon, of Bedale, Yorkshire, and the late Mrs Hillsdon, and Lucy Elizabeth, younger daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs A.J.D. Nicholl, of Stratford-on-Avon.

Flying Officer R.D.L. Lushington and Miss K.L. Manville
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Sir John and Lady Lushington, Henham, Essex, and Karen, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Manville, Motcombe, Dorset.

Mr H.C.S. McLean and Miss J.M. Hermann
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of the late Mr David McLean and of Mrs David McLean, of Littlewood Park, Aberdeenshire, and Jamie, daughter of Mr James Hermann, of Lake Forest, Illinois, USA, and of Mrs Mary Seeberg, of Glenview, Illinois, USA.

Mr P.R. Miles and Mrs R.A.N. de Rougemont
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Eric Miles, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Rosemary Antoinette Neville de Rougemont, of London and Lisbon, Portugal, only daughter of Mrs J.M. Smith and the late Major Anthony Neville Smith.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Levon Ter-Petrossian, President of Armenia. The other guests were:

Mr Vigan Chitechian, Mr Sepuh Taschian, Mr Vahan Papazian, Mr Levon Barkhudarian, the Armenian Ambassador, the Hon Dougals Hogg, QC, MP, Mr Timothy Eggar, MP, Sir Brian Fall, Mr Roger Bone and Ms Philippa Leslie-Jones.

Royal Logistic Corps
Major-General D.L. Burden, Director General Logistic Support (Army), and Mr F.R. Rutter, Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, exchanged articles of association at a luncheon given by the Royal Logistic Corps yesterday at HM Tower of London.

Royal engagements

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief will visit the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Shorncliffe Camp at 11.30 to mark the 200th anniversary of the raising of the regiment.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Reyrolle, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear, at 9.35; will open Onwa Electronics (UK), Simonside East Industrial Estate, South Shields, at 11.15; will open the extension at the Seamanship and Survival Centre, South Tyneside College, Wapping Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne at 12.15, will attend a luncheon at the Bank of England, Pilgrims Street, at 1.15 and will attend at reception at Trinity House, Broad Chare, at 2.55. Later, he will attend the Salters' Company livery dinner at Salters' Hall at 7.15.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Neuro-Muscular Centre, Woodford Lane, Winsford, at 11.05; will open the Manchester and Distric Housing Group's Preece Court, Lincoln Street, Crewe, at 11.45; and will visit Lincoln Community Support Centre, Lincoln Street, at 12.10. Later, he will visit Chester Barrie/Austin Reed International at Weston Road at 2.10.

The Duchess of Kent will open the renal and oncology department at Nottingham City Hospital at 11.55; will visit the Nottinghamshire Hospice at Fernleigh, Woodborough Road, at 2.30; and will visit Hollygirt School, Elm Avenue, at 3.05.

Meeting

Engineers' Company and City University
The Lord Mayor, Chancellor of the City University, presided at a joint meeting of the Engineers' Company and the City University held last night at the university. Professor R. Franklin, vice-chancellor, welcomed the guests and Mr Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, delivered the 4th Bridge lecture. Mr G. Clerehugh, Master of the Engineers' Company, also spoke.

Canadians to have London memorial

Eighty years after the first Canadian troops arrived to join the Allied forces in Europe, they are to have their own memorial in London. Yesterday Conrad Black, joint chairman of the Canadian Memorial Foundation, accompanied by Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, and Fredrik Eaton, the Canadian High Commissioner, formally laid the supporting plinth of the monument, in Green Park, which will be unveiled by the Queen on June 3.

The monument will be a tribute to nearly one million men and women who came to Britain in two world wars, of whom about 100,000 lost their lives. It will stand about 100 yards from Buckingham Palace, near the Canada Gates at Hyde Park Corner, and will carry the inscription: "From Dangers Shared, Our Friendship Endures."

Dinners

London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates
Prince Edward was present at the Hilary dinner held last night at London House for residents of London House and William Goodenough House. Mr David Emms, director, and Mr Alastair Robinson, a governor, received the guests.

Royal College of Surgeons of England
The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, Secretary of State for National Heritage, was the principal guest and speaker at the bienniel Buckston Browne dinner given by the Royal College of Surgeons of England last night at the college. Professor Norman Browse, president, presided. Professor John Blandy, vice-president, and Sir Donald Campbell, President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, also spoke.

European-Atlantic Group
Ambassador Javier Pérez de Cuéllar was the speaker at a dinner discussion given by the European-Atlantic Group last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, chairman, presided. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, president, Lord Richard, QC, Baroness Hooper and Lord Judd also spoke.

Securities Institute
The Right Hon Michael Portillo, MP, was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Securities Institute at the Carlton Club yesterday. Mr Graham Ross Russell, Chairman of the Institute, presided.

Defence news

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ASHWORTH - On February 2nd, to Linda (née Budenberg) and Simon, a son, Harry John.

BAKEWELL - On February 2nd 1994, to Cheri (née Phillips) and Simon, a son, Theodore Llewellyn Phillips Bakewell.

BEECH - On February 8th, to Joanna and Jeremy, a daughter, Jessica Bryony.

BESWICK - On January 23rd 1994, to Sophie (née Doherty) and Jeremy, a daughter, Georgia Rose

BRIANT - On 2nd February at Guy's Hospital, to Ruth (née de Jongh) and Julian, a daughter, Celia Anne Christian

CHURCH - On 6th February 1994, to Alice (née Fitzsimons) and David, a son, Oliver David Fitzsimons, a brother for Henry and Sophie.

CRIPPS - On 2nd February, to Joanna (née Robinson) and Matthew, a son, Robert David Graham, a brother for Oliver and Edward

HARDING - On February 6th, to Emma (née Dumenil) and Richard, a daughter, India Mary Halliday, a sister for Alice, Piers and Rory.

HOLLAND - On Wednesday 9th February 1994 to Adrian and Claire, a son, Simon David, a brother for Smudge

ISKANDAR - Raja Asilla on 6th February 1994 at the Wellington Hospital, to Mr & Mrs Raja Iskandar of Tourism, Malaysia.

JENKINSON - On February 2nd, to Charlotte (née Keightley) and Howard, at home, a son, Benjamin Christopher Patrick, a brother for Alistair, William, and Sophia.

LE BROCQ - On February 7th, to Sophie (née Woodhouse) and Mark, a son, Edmund Francis, a brother for Laura.

LOWTHER - On February 8th, to Hugh and Moux, a daughter, Lucia.

MOCKRIDGE - On February 4th, to Teresa (née Wormington) and Matthew, a daughter, Annabel Elsa Hope.

POLDING - To John and Helen Jane (née Arnold) at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital, on 8th February, a boy.

SMART - On 7th February 1994, to Melanie (née Parsons) and James, a son, James Edward Beveridge (Jamie), a brother for Camilla and Emily.

TALBOT - On February 7th, to Rosemary (née Gibbens) and John, a daughter, Lucy Jacoba Bickmore

WARDLAW - On 3rd February, to James and Catherine (née Rutherford), a son, Benedict David.

WHITE - On February 4th at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Mary (née Duncan) and Adrian, a son, Thomas James, a brother for Alexander.

WRIGHT - On 6th February 1994, to Anne (née Jones) and Graham, a daughter, Daisy.

DEATHS

BARNES - On February 9th, her 83rd birthday, in Hampstead, Phyllis Mary, deeply missed by her husband George and family. Funeral, Wednesday February 16th. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd. tel: (071) 387-6075.

BERKELEY - On February 1st 1994 at Norwich, Peter Fitzhardinge, Major (Retd.) Indian Army and Kings Regiment. A fine soldier and a much loved friend. A funeral service was held at Christ Church, Eaton, Norwich, on 9th February 1994.

BORRETT - On February 7th, peacefully in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, Joan Mary aged 81 years, of Burnham Market, beloved wife of the late Geoffrey. Cremation to be held at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn, on Monday February 14th at 12.30 pm. All enquiries to S.T. Sutton Funeral Director, Wells-Next-The-Sea, Norfolk. (0328) 710301.

BOULTON - On February 8th, Frances Harriet, née Bentall, peacefully at Ashingdon Hall Nursing Home, aged 97 years. Wife of the late Geoffrey Boulton, much loved mother of Margaret and grandmother of Tim and Emma Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Rochford, on Thursday February 17th at 11.30 am and cremation at Southend Crematorium, Sutton Road at 12.15 pm. Flowers to J.W. Tate, 20 North Street, Rochford, Essex.

BRADSHAW - On February 8th 1994, suddenly at Lewes, Dorothy Mary Arnold (née Saunders), aged 91. Widow of Neville Bradshaw. Greatly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Kingston Parish Church, near Lewes, Sussex, on Tuesday February 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Royal British Legion c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex. tel: (0273) 475557.

BROOKS - On 4th February, Donald (A D.J.) at Brighton General Hospital. Donations to Royal United Kingdom Benevolent Association, 6 Avonmore Road, London W14 8RL. Funeral private by request.

BROWN - Laurence Ambrose, former Bishop of Birmingham, on 7th February aged 86, husband of Florence and father of Elisabeth, Petrena and Jill. Funeral Service on 16th February at 12.30 pm at Salisbury Cathedral. A Memorial Service will be held in Birmingham, date to be announced later. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Helen House, Multiple Sclerosis or Muscular Dystrophy c/o I.N Newman, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

COLEBROOK - Jim. Peacefully on February 8th in Cheltenham General Hospital. Funeral Service on Wednesday February 16th at Cheltenham Crematorium at 12.30 pm.

CURRIE - Clifford. On February 9th, peacefully at home, dearly loved husband of Inga-Britta. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Marlborough, on Wednesday February 16th at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if wished to the Ashmolean Library, Oxford.

DOSSETT - Dr. J.A. Peter of Leeds, died 6th February, aged 73 years after a long illness cheerfully endured. Mourned by Eileen, their daughter Monica, his elder daughters Jane, Clare, Meg and Anne, and their mother Dorothy. Funeral at 1 pm on Tuesday February 15th at Lawnswood Crematorium, Leeds. All welcome, but family flowers only. Donations to St Gemma's Hospice, Leeds. Enquiries to Hughes Funeral Services, Leeds, tel: (0532) 480963. Deo Gratias.

EVA - David. Dearly loved husband of Glen, loving father of Edward, Richard and James, at home peacefully, on Tuesday 8th February 1994, aged 54 years. All enquiries to L.D. and S. Tideswell (0298) 813165. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to British Heart Foundation please.

FARQUHAR - On 7th February in Birmingham at the home of his daughter Elizabeth, John Burns, MB(Birm), FRCOG, FRCS, member of The Gynaecological Club. Service at Powke Lane Crematorium, West Bromwich, on Friday 11th February at 4 pm.

FERGUSSON - On 8th February 1994, suddenly at home, K.M. Neil, much loved husband of Alison, father of David, Sally, Jane and Colin, father-in-law of Jessica and Charles, grandfather of Arabella, Katrina and Jamie John. Cremation at 11 am at Mortonhall Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Saturday 12th February. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, Copeman House, St Mary's Court, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TD.

FERRARI - Molly, on 7th February, suddenly at home Beloved wife of Bill, dearly loved mother of Kim and Francesca and adored Nanny to John and Adam. Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, at 4.30 pm on Friday 11th February. Family flowers only

FLEET - Dr Howard Martin aged 44 years, died in an avalanche in France on 30th January 1994 Dearly loved husband of Carol and beloved father of James and Daniel Funeral Service to be held on Tuesday 15th February at St Michael's Church, Chenies, Bucks, at 2pm, followed by interment at Flaunden. All friends welcome at the church. Family flowers only. donations if desired to the South Bucks. NHS Trust c/o Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, Bucks. All enquiries to Heritage & Sons. (0494) 525316.

HAGUE - Marjorie Beatrice on 4th February 1994 at Ealing Hospital. High Mass of Requiem at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London W1, at 6.30 pm on Monday 14th February. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 15th February at 10.30 am. Flowers or, if desired, donations to All Saints Foundation c/o 7 Margaret Street, London W1.

HILL - Dr. Pascoe Grenfell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., on Saturday February 5th 1994, aged 80, peacefully at St Peter's Hospice, Bristol. A kind and respected man, beloved husband of Mary and dear father of Jonathan and Amanda. Private service at Canford Crematorium, Bristol. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

HURREN - (née Hickman). On 2nd February 1994, peacefully at Gt. Horkesley, Norah Constance St John (Nonie), aged 86 years, formerly of Nayland, Suffolk. Adored mother of Ann Stiggins and Nicholas. Funeral Service on Monday 14th February at St James Church, Nayland at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. Flowers or if preferred donations to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o W.H. Shephard, 93/94 High Street, Colchester, CO1 1TH.

JOBSON - On February 7th 1994, with enormous strength and dignity, Peter John, devoted father of Caroline and Simon, and brother of Michael Served with the Army, the Royal Marines and the RAF in many campaigns, in Korea, Malaya, Cyprus, Suez and Borneo, and confronted cancer with the same great courage Funeral at 11.30am February 16th. Funeral dirs: Beeslons (0703) 448405.

KNOX - On Tuesday February 8th 1994, Leslie Knox FCA, at The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, peacefully after a long illness cheerfully and courageously borne, aged 70. Much loved husband of Margaret, father of Christopher and David and grandfather of Rebecca and Jeremy Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Monkseaton, Tyne and Wear, on Saturday February 12th at 10.15 am, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium and afterwards at 9 Dunsdale Road, Holywell, Northumberland. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, may be sent to Tyneside Leukaemia Research Association c/o Professor Steven Proctor, Royal Victoria Infirmary

LEWIS - Peacefully on 4th February 1994, at the Middlesex Hospital, in her 47th year, Felicity, beloved wife of David George, devoted mother of Georgina and Emily. Private burial Saturday 12th February, no flowers. Memorial Service to be announced.

MAY - On February 8th, peacefully at home, Nancie Blanche (Bunnie). Dearly loved wife of Patrick and sister of Violet Sadly missed by all the family and many friends. Funeral Service on Wednesday 16th February at 2.30 pm Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington, Oxford. Instead of flowers she would have preferred a donation, however small, to be sent direct to Plumbs Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, Berkshire. Funeral Directors: Camp Hopson and Chivers, Northbrook Street, Newbury. (0635) 522210.

MILLIGAN - Suddenly, at his home in London, Stephen David Wyatt Milligan M.P., son of David and Marion and eldest member of a proud family Arrangements for the Memorial Service will be announced later

OGDEN - James Platt Ogden, born at Rochdale 1910, died peacefully at Sandbanks on February 7th 1994. He is sadly missed by his wife Frances, his daughter Vivien, his son Peter and his loving grandchildren James, Tiffany, Natasha, Cameron and Edward.

OLDHAM - On January 31st 1994, Bea. Much loved and missed by her many friends and patients.

PETERSEN - On February 5th at home in Wokingham, Olive Leslie Petersen M.B.E., formerly Matron of Connaught House School and of Honeylands Hospital. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday February 15th at 11am at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Honeylands League of Friends c/o J.B. Hall, 142 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham tel (0734) 793623.

REES - On Tuesday February 8th 1994, Evelyn (née Torbet), wife of David and mother of Victoria, peacefully in her sleep in her 56th year after a long struggle against cancer. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Tuesday 15th February at Southwark Cathedral. Flowers may be sent to Francis Chappell and Sons, 239 East Street, Walworth, London SE17 2SS.

RUCK - On 8th February, Andrew D'Arcy, beloved husband of Pat and father of Nicola, Tim and Adam. Devoted to his large family of Rucks and Creaseys and to his many friends in Wrotham after more than 43 years. Service at St George's Wrotham, on Tuesday 15th February at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Kent Trust for Nature Conservation, Tyland Barn, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3BD.

SHARP - On Sunday 6th February, Alan Graham. Beloved husband of Pat, father of Caroline, grandfather of John, Elizabeth and Patrick Funeral Service at St Agatha's Church, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, on Monday February 14th at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Royal British Legion, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY. Enquiries to R & H Barker, tel (0235) 510033.

STEWART-WOOD - On February 7th, Margaret, much loved by all her family, died peacefully in the John Radcliffe. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Black Bourton, on Wednesday February 16th at 2.30 pm Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Intensive Therapy Unit, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

THOMPSON - Judith Mary, on 7th February, much loved daughter of David and Eve and sister of Clare and Gillian Funeral Service at St Helen's Church, Ore, East Sussex, on Monday 14th February at 1.30 pm to be followed by interment at Hastings Borough Cemetery at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Gifts may be sent for "Headway" c/o A.C. Towner Ltd., Funeral Directors, 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6NH, tel: Hastings (0424) 436386.

TURNER - Harry of Stanton Harcourt and formerly of Kidlington. Died suddenly on 5th February 1994 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, aged 65 years. Dear husband of Eileen and a much loved father, grandfather and brother. A service for family and friends will take place at the St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Monday, 14th February at 3.30 pm. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Kidlington, on Friday 25th February at 11 am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired for Oxford and District Mencap Society, and any enquiries c/o Green & Co., 21 High Street, Eynsham, Witney, Oxon OX8 1HA tel (0865) 880857

WATSON - Herman Charles. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, died suddenly in hospital on February 5th 1994

WHELAN - On February 6th at Edgeware General Hospital, Violet Irene, widow of Air Commodore Roger Whelan C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. Beloved mother of Sharon and Joanna, grandmother of Benjamin, Matthew, Jonathon and Nicholas. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium 1.16 pm Friday 11th February. Flowers to Stonebridge Funeral Service, Edgeware, or donations to N.S.P.C.C.

ZOLLER - On 7th February, peacefully in hospital in Melbourne, Australia, Lt. Col. Alec Sydney RE. Much loved and loving husband of Olga and dear father to Peter and Tony (deceased), father-in-law to Mary and grandfather to Clan, Hugo and Emma.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GRINDROD - The 1230 Mass at Brompton Oratory on Friday 25th March will be said for the repose of the soul of Muriel Grindrod.

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WAKE-WALKER:SPENCER - On February 10th 1944 at Westminster Abbey, Lieutenant Christopher Wake-Walker, Royal Navy, to Third Officer Lady Anne Spencer WRNS.

BIRTHDAYS

CONNETT - Graham Victor M.B.E. A happy birthday from Pauline with love. X X

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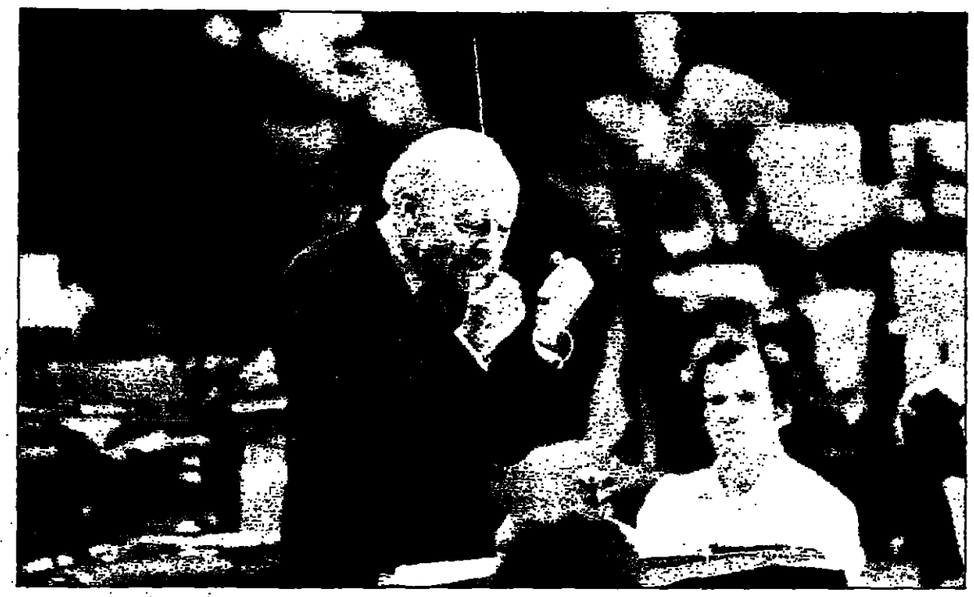
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OBITUARIES

WITOLD LUTOSLAWSKI

Witold Lutoslawski, composer and conductor, died in Warsaw on February 7 aged 81. He was born on January 25, 1913.



WITOLD LUTOSLAWSKI's image was not that of a great man. Dapper, slight and quietly spoken, with impeccable manners and taste, he will nevertheless take a prominent position in the pantheon of 20th-century composers. Like that of Olivier Messiaen, his mature music is not of any identifiable school, though there are obvious influences — Bartók and Debussy for two. He was an individualist, and had to fight for his individualism against heavy political odds. (With typical courage he chose to stay in Warsaw when often political asylum might have been the easier option.) Certain of his countrymen imitated the new sounds he found, leading some to presume his language to be a neo-nationalistic one.

That was not the case. The chord-clusters, for instance, with which his *Funeral Music*, the great, dark canon written in memory of Béla Bartók in 1958, so memorably climaxes, soon became part of the armoury of sound-effects used by composers like Krzysztof Penderecki. But the gesture comes here as a logical consequence, a natural outcome of the workings of Lutoslawski's new-found 12-note, but distinctly un-Schoenbergian, harmonic language.

Lutoslawski was concerned with making expressive living forms rather than inert objects. That constant striving for expression through form is as evident in his Concerto for Orchestra of 1954 as in his later works. At the other end of his life, it manifested itself in his creation of "chain" form, where two different harmonic processes would be explored in strands that might alternate or overlap, linking and extending the music's structure in ways not always obvious to the ear.

He composed three separate works with the name of *Chain* between 1983 and 1986. *Chain 2* (1985), for violin and orchestra could be joined by the six-minute *Interlude* of 1990 to the orchestral version of *Partita* (1984, orchestrated 1988) to make a large-scale violin concerto, lending a new implication to its title and revealing much about how he viewed the composing process itself as a continuous chain. A Piano Concerto (1988), Cello Concerto (1970) and a Double Concerto (for oboe and harp, 1980) were other valuable additions to the concerto repertoire. Meanwhile, with *Venetian Games* (1961) he established another hallmark of his language, sections of controlled improvisation where pitches were given but the rhythms were free. In reality this was not aleatoric music: he knew exactly what sounds would emerge within the precisely delineated space.

Besides the four symphonies, the last three of which are all striking reinterpretations of the form, the stream of works which includes the single String Quartet (1964), *Livre pour Orchestre* (1968), *Preludes and Fugue* for 13 strings (1972), and the sensitive word setting of *Paroles tissées* (1965), *Les Espaces du Sommeil* (1975) and *Chantefables et Chantefleurs* (1991), further testifies to the standards Lutoslawski always set himself and always achieved. Tantalisingly, despite his adeptness for setting words, there was never an opera, though he apparently recently hinted that he might have at last found a suitable text.

Lutoslawski's earlier life was not easy. The First World War took his family to Moscow, a journey necessary to avoid the advancing army of Hindenberg but one which ended with Lutoslawski's father being summarily executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Once back in Poland, Lutoslawski studied composition under Witold Maliszewski, privately from the age of 15 and then, in the early 1930s, at the Warsaw Conservatoire. He also took lessons on the violin and piano and for a while dabbled in mathematics at Warsaw University.

But development of a career as a composer was interrupted, first by military service in 1937 and then by the Second World War. Lutoslawski served as an officer cadet in the Polish First Army. He was captured by the Germans in September 1939 but escaped and made his way back to Warsaw. His brother Henryk was not so fortunate; he was captured by the Russians and died in the Gulag Archipelago in 1940. Lutoslawski somehow managed to survive the horrors of the Nazi occupation, precariously supporting himself and his family by playing the piano in cafés with the composer Andrzej Panufnik and also giving underground concerts. In 1941 he embarked on composing his First Symphony.

The postwar period, dominated by Stalin's stifling regime, was not very much easier for the free-thinking young composer. To earn something resembling a living he wrote much functional music, some for film and theatre, some folk-based, but also continued on his more serious course, eventually completing the First Symphony in 1947. Following its première in Warsaw in 1949, the symphony was accused of "formalism", and Lutoslawski's work became proscribed in Poland until 1956. Though thereafter things became freer, with the ascendancy of the Warsaw Autumn Festival as a showcase of contemporary music and the acceptance of an avant-garde in Poland, as recently as 1981 he was denounced by the Soviet authorities for aligning himself with the cause of Solidarity.

Lutoslawski's practice in later years was to write only what he felt like writing and to offer the completed piece to a potential commissioner. He rarely revealed what particular project was in progress, preferring to stay quiet until the piece had been fashioned to its usual perfection. That was how the Los Angeles Philharmonic was offered the opportunity of staging the world première of his Fourth Symphony on February 5, 1993. The work showed that Lutoslawski's powers were undiminished, his originality enduring. A couple of weeks ago it deservedly received a Classical Music Award for the best new work of 1993, the latest in a long list of awards and honorary degrees bestowed upon the composer.

Generous with his time and talent, Lutoslawski gave masterclasses (including some at both the Royal College of Music and the Guildhall School of Music) and conducted world-class orchestras with a clarity, command and affability some full-time conductors would be well advised to emulate.

He was a devoted family man. His wife Danuta, who survives him, provided him with practical as well as emotional support, painstakingly helping to produce his elegantly presented scores, a joy to look at as well as to hear. And each year he would set time aside in his busy diary of conducting and teaching engagements so that he could spend some of the summer with his stepson and grandchildren in Oslo.

MAJOR B. H. COWBURN

Benny Cowburn, MC and Bar, one of the earliest and most successful of the British agents the Special Operations Executive sent to France during the war, has died aged 85. He was born at Leigh, Lancashire, on March 13, 1909.

BENJAMIN Hodkinson Cowburn happened to be one of the few Englishmen who could pass easily for French; he was almost bilingual. He was an oil technician by trade, who had lived in Paris before the war began, and was early picked up as a likely candidate by SOE. He went through the usual courses in paramilitary training, and parachuted into central France — with five companions, four of whom were soon arrested — on the night of September 6-7, 1941.

He had plenty of common sense and a temperament that did not flap easily: ideal qualifications for his early task, which was to sound out likely local heads of sabotage teams and to provide them eventually with explosives. The shortage of available wireless operators soon drove him to Paris, where he made touch with an operator — who had been, it turned out, planted on him by the German Abwehr. He and two friends had the eerie experience of standing on a north Breton beach, closely watched by the Abwehr, while a British torpedo boat failed to rescue them. Cowburn politely and firmly detached himself both from his friends and from his German shadow and returned to England across the Pyrenees.

Though well known to the enemy, he soon parachuted back into France on June 1-2, 1942, for a successful four-month spell organising sabotage around Limoges. He returned quietly by Lysander in October. He made himself useful to his section, lecturing and advising agents under training; and then went back to France again in the spring of 1943.



He set up an unusually efficient rail sabotage circuit, codenamed "Tinker", round Troyes. This put a dozen locomotives out of action in a single night by a raid on the round house there on July 3-4, 1943. By accident Cowburn left the plan for the raid on the blackboard of the local school where he had trained his sub-agents for the task; the schoolmaster's wife, married to one of the sub-agents, rubbed it out in time. He again got back to England unscathed.

His fourth mission was his least successful. His friend and wireless operator at Troyes named John Barrett, had gone back to France early in 1944 with a different organiser and fell into enemy hands in July. Cowburn parachuted in yet again, on July 30, to attempt the almost impossible task of cutting Barrett out from German captivity; at least he survived himself, though his friend was murdered in a concentration camp. As he was always one for speaking his mind when invited to do so he received no grander decoration than a Military Cross and Bar for a series of exploits of unusual daring.

He wrote a strikingly good book about his war experiences called *No Cloak, No Dagger* (1960). It did not receive as much acclaim as it deserved for its splendid matter of fact accounts of what a secret agent's life was really like. By the time it appeared he had long gone back to a flat in Paris, and to the decent obscurity of the life of an adviser behind the scenes to oil companies. Everyone who knew him at all well knew that he was a man who could be relied on to keep his eyes open and his mouth shut; and that behind his impassive exterior he concealed a rollicking sense of humour.

He had a long, happy, but childless marriage to a former secretary of Georges Bidault, wartime Resistance leader and, briefly, one of France's postwar prime ministers.

RICHARD BISSELL

Richard Bissell, a former CIA official who was the chief architect of the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, died on February 7 aged 84. He was born on September 18, 1909.

NOTHING in Richard Bissell's previous career had appeared to prepare him for intelligence work, much less clandestine activity. The son of a wealthy insurance executive, he was educated at Groton, Yale, and the London School of Economics, becoming an economics professor at Yale and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the 1930s. The war years saw him working for several government agencies supervising allied shipping, and from 1948 to 1951 he served as assistant administrator of the Marshall Plan.

Then, in 1954, Bissell joined the Central Intelligence Agency as special assistant to the director, Allen Dulles. Despite his lack of an intelligence background, he became responsible for conceiving and executing the U-2 spy missions over the Soviet Union, which were to end in the débâcle of the shooting-down of Francis Gary Powers. Undeterred, Bissell went on to exploit the capabalities of the remarkable SR-71 Blackbird supersonic high-altitude surveillance aircraft.

On being appointed CIA deputy director for plans in 1959, Bissell became responsible for the agency's covert activities — a task he performed with enthusiasm, but with a notable lack of success. Among the projects he supervised were a failed attempt to assassinate the Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba in August 1960, and two unsuccessful plans to kill Fidel Castro and his brother Raul. The scheme to kill Fidel Castro was code-named ZR/Rifle and plotted with the co-operation of Mafia chiefs Sam Giancana and John Roselli.

It was uncertain whether President Eisenhower had authorised Bissell's lethal plans, or was even aware of them, but there was no doubt that in March 1960 he ordered the CIA to begin training a force of Cuban exiles for what was to become the Bay of Pigs invasion. Bissell and Dulles briefed President-elect John Kennedy on the proposed action shortly after his election, and got approval to proceed.

The invasion was scheduled for April 1961, but news of the CIA training camp in Guatemala, and its purpose, was leaked to *The New York Times* three months before the landing. Despite this, Kennedy ordered the operation to continue, but after one bombing raid two days before the invasion he refused to permit further air attacks on Cuban airfields, against Bissell's strong advice. When the Cuban exiles went ashore they were completely outgunned by Castro's forces, and without air support were defeated in two days. Subsequent investigations showed that the CIA's planning had been seriously deficient.

Bissell, who had been forecast to succeed Allen Dulles as CIA chief, took responsibility for the fiasco and offered his resignation. But he remained as head of covert operations until February 1962.

On the first anniversary of the Bay of Pigs operation he was awarded the National Security Medal by Kennedy, who called his achievements on behalf of US intelligence "unique". After leaving the CIA, Bissell became head of the Institute of Defense Analysis until 1964, when he joined the United Aircraft Corporation as an executive.

He is survived by Ann, his wife of 53 years, four sons and one daughter.



Bissell receiving the National Security Medal from President Kennedy in 1962

MYLES FORMBY

Myles Landseer Formby, CBE, TD, former consulting otolaryngologist to University College Hospital and to the Army, died at his Sussex home on January 20 aged 92. He was born on March 13, 1901.

AN AUSTRALIAN by birth, Myles Formby became one of London's leading ear, nose and throat surgeons. He had long associations with University College Hospital (1933-66) and the Royal Masonic Hospital (1948-66) and was, from 1943 to 1971, Consulting Oto-Rhino-Laryngologist to the Army, with which he saw active service during the Second World War.

Born in South Australia, he was educated at Adelaide University where he qualified in medicine in 1924. A Rhodes scholar for South Australia, he came to Magdalen College, Oxford, from where he went to Charing Cross Hospital and was elected FRCS in 1930.

Numerous consultant posts followed, notably those at UCH and the Royal Masonic Hospital. He joined the RAMC (TA) in 1932 and during the war served in the rank of brigadier as consultant ear, nose and throat surgeon to the Army in the Middle East, Italy, northwest Europe and India.

After the war he returned to UCH and developed his large practice in Cavendish Square. Twice married, he leaves the son and daughter of his first marriage.

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SHERGAR'S KIDNAPPERS FAIL TO MAKE CONTACT

From Richard Ford, Dublin

A huge hunt was under way in the Irish Republic yesterday for Shergar, one of the world's most valuable horses, which was being held for ransom after being kidnapped from a stud by an armed gang.

The 1981 Derby winner, nicknamed "Shergar the wonder horse" and valued at £10m at stud, was snatched from the Aga Khan's stable in co Kildare a week before the breeding season starts.

As one of the world's top stallions — he was named European horse of the year in 1981 — the bay colt with a distinctive white blaze was to cover a maximum of 55 mares this year. He has an impressive fertility rate: 42 mares he covered last year are in foal and last week he became a father for the first time, with a bay colt.

Mr Michael Stoute, the horse's trainer, said: "Shergar was the best horse I have ever trained, and I only hope to God that nothing happens to him."

The kidnap began when two armed men burst into the home of Mr James FitzGerald the head groom, and his family at Ballymany Stud, Newbridge, late on Tuesday night, and locked the family in a downstairs room. Mr FitzGerald was then ordered at gunpoint to identify the security stable near the house where Shergar was kept and to open the stall.

Other members of the gang — the police said at least six men were involved — reversed a horsebox to the stall and Shergar was pushed inside with Mr FitzGerald. The groom was ordered to lie face down and was later transferred to a car before being released four hours later about forty miles from the stud, which has been owned by the Aga Khan and his family for almost 60 years.

The gang told Mr FitzGerald that they wanted a ransom for the safe return of the horse and that he would receive further instruction by telephone at lunchtime yesterday. He was also told not to make contact with the police.

Mr FitzGerald was not injured and spent several hours telling detectives what happened. Later the police took electronic equipment inside his home, but by last night they had had no contact with the gang.

A statement from the Aga Khan's secretariat in Aiglemont, France, said last night: "The stud groom was informed that a ransom would be demanded today, for the safe return of the stallion. There is no indication as to the identity of the people making the demand or the motivation behind it."

Meanwhile, a nationwide search was under way; because the alarm had not been raised for four hours, however, the gang had plenty of time to escape from co Kildare, the heartland of the republic's bloodstock industry.

The kidnap has shocked the racing world, raising fears that owners might reconsider keeping their horses at stud in the republic. Any such action would be a severe blow to the republic, where the bloodstock industry and stud fees are estimated to bring in Ir£100m in foreign currency.

ON THIS DAY

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The kidnapping of Shergar remains a mystery. Many theories were advanced for it, one linking it with Colonel Gaddafi, another with gun runners in Marseilles. There was widespread belief that the IRA was responsible, but no evidence was found to support it.

• The Master's home restored • Island cashes in on honeymoons • Carnival time

Curtain rises on Coward's Firefly

■ The house overlooking the Caribbean where the playwright Noël Coward once lived has been restored at a cost of £202,000

BY ANDREW LYCETT

AFTER two decades of neglect, Firefly, Sir Noël Coward's house on Jamaica's north coast, has been restored at a cost of $300,000 (about £202,000). Local resident Chris Blackwell, the music entrepreneur, has renovated the house, with advice from Britain's National Trust.

Towards the end of his life, the playwright found happiness at Firefly, on a hilltop site overlooking the Caribbean with the Blue Mountains in the distance. Reached by a steep, winding drive, it was completed in 1956 but looks like a 1930s colonial villa — flat-fronted, white-washed and with three separate balconies straining to catch the sun. Its former name, Look Out, reflects its commanding view and its history; the site was once the home of Sir Henry Morgan, the 17th-century pirate who became the island's first governor. Morgan's stone dwelling, which still stands, has been converted to a small café for tourists. Recent excavation has revealed artefacts of Jamaica's extinct Arawak Indians, dating back to the start of the Christian era.


The Master: Coward

Little seems to have changed from the days when Coward held theatrical sway. On the back patio, open to one side with blue walls and red floor tiles, a glass-topped wrought-iron table, painted in white, is laid with the Spode china on which he entertained the Queen Mother to lunch when she visited Jamaica in 1965.

Two rooms hive off the patio. On one side is Coward's studio, with his easel and some canvases depicting local people and flora — paintings of the type he dabbled in at Firefly. On the other is a small music-cum-sitting-room dominated by Coward's two pianos, standing back to back and covered with signed photographs of Marlene Dietrich and other friends.

Upstairs is Coward's study. His local oak desk remains just as it was. At one side is his portable typewriter and tray of old-fashioned carbon papers. On a shelf above is a bust of the Master himself, a copy of an original in London's National Portrait Gallery. Coward would sit in a reclining chair by the window, a *Chamber's Dictionary* at his side, and dictate to Cole Lesley, his secretary.

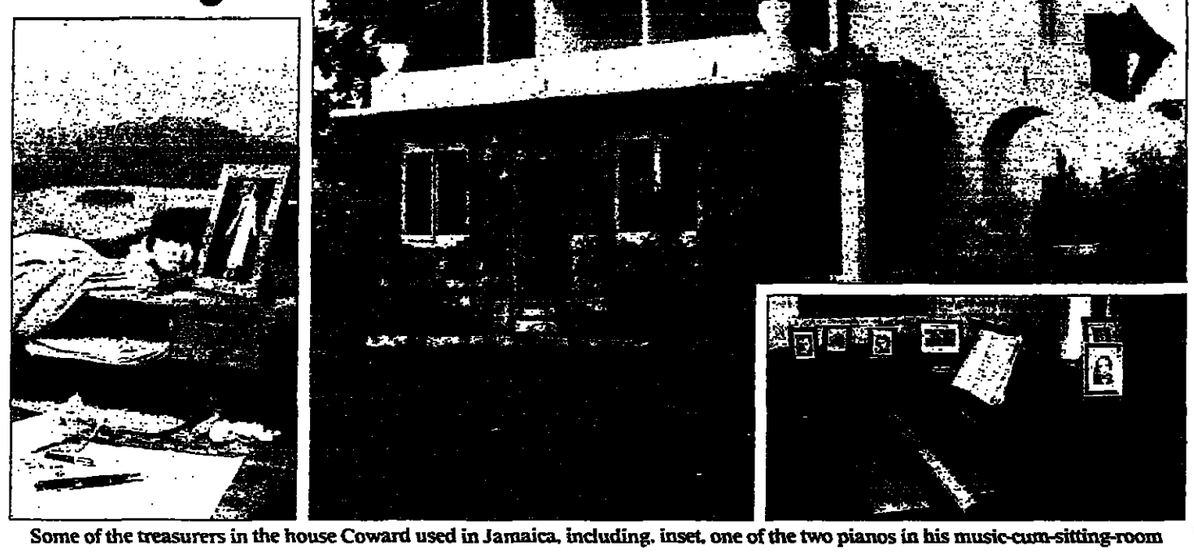
His bedroom is dominated by his four-poster and huge counterpane. The walls are hung with a curious mix of pictures, from a Jamaican view by Coward himself to a quirky, cartoonish piece by John Morris.

On the table beside the bed is Coward's favourite book, E. Nesbit's *The Wouldbegoods*, first published in 1901, three years after his birth. More Coward nicknacks are on show in his black-tiled bathroom and his wardrobe still brims with his clothes — a red Hawaiian beach shirt, some rather more restrained light green pyjamas and a pair of scarlet monogrammed towels.

Outside, a sound system has been rigged up on a small stage under the rubber trees at one end of the garden and work is almost complete on a dramatic amphitheatre looking over the water towards the Blue Mountains. When another stage is built at the point where the ridge drops away, performers will seem to rise dramatically out of the Caribbean. Toni Allen, the general manager, expects to put on plays and poetry readings for audiences of up to 600 people.

Firefly is three miles from Port Maria, the nearest town, and a 90-minute drive from Kingston. Tours of the house cost US$10 for overseas visitors.

SUSAN GREENHILL


Some of the treasurers in the house Coward used in Jamaica, including, inset, one of the two pianos in his music-cum-sitting-room

Jamaica woos lovers

BY COLETTE FORDER

JAMAICA'S desire to establish itself as the honeymoon capital of the world is paying off as many of its hotels market themselves to newlyweds. The trend, started in 1979 by Couples when it opened its all-inclusive, couples-only resort near Ocho Rios on the island's north coast, has been developed and enlarged by Sandals, which runs six resorts in Jamaica. "About 40 per cent of our business comes from honeymooners," says Sarah Greaves-Gabbadon from the company's office in Montego Bay.

Although Jamaica's proximity to America accounts for most of its guests, interest from Europe and Britain is growing. John Sim, of Kuoni, one of the area's leading tour operators, says: "The British are likely to travel further for a honeymoon."

In-resort weddings are also becoming popular. The bride and groom need be on the island for only 24 hours before the ceremony: Sandals provides the rest, including best man and maid of honour and even a pre-ceremony manicure. Ms Greaves-Gabbadon says: "We expect 3,000 weddings in our Caribbean resorts this year." A week at a Sandals resort hotel will cost a couple from £2,352, including flights. For honeymooners who prefer more traditional, less hectic pursuits, some of Jamaica's plantation houses have been renovated and converted to guesthouses and hotels. One is Good Hope, near the 18th-century coastal town of Falmouth, which has been returned to its original Georgian style and recently opened as a guesthouse offering ten rooms. Seven nights' accommodation there will cost from about £770 a room.

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Entire village takes the ferry

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

ALL the residents of the village of Eperlecques will sail to Britain for a day this month as part of a "French invasion" prompted by a new scheme to promote low-cost channel crossings.

P & O European Ferries has been overwhelmed by the response to its latest campaign, "Go to England for 10 francs", which echoes the "Go to France for £1" offer that annually sends an extra million Britons across the Channel.

The new off-peak offer was advertised last month in *Le Voix du Nord*, a daily northern newspaper, which carried coupons qualifying readers for a day trip to Dover for 10 francs (about £1). The response was so great the newspaper had to print extra copies for distribution in parts of the country, including Paris.

P & O European Ferries is booking 1,000 French cars a day, including Eperlecques' 400 inhabitants, between Calais and St Omer. The offer closes on February 16.

Brush-up for New Orleans

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

NEW ORLEANS is to spend $234 million (about £158 million) to spruce up the downtown area where the Mardi Gras carnival will be held next week.

Every seat on United Vacations' £449 three-night breaks to the city were sold months ago as more Britons have booked for the carnival. New Orleans now plans to expand still further the attractions that lure two million visitors a year.

Apart from the general improvement to the streets and properties around the French Quarter, the city is re-introducing riverboat gambling on the Mississippi and plans to approve the building of North America's biggest land-based casino.

Sara Zimmerman, manager of United Vacations, the United Airlines holiday company, said the city was attracting visitors who had been to America several times before.

It is unlikely that New Orleans will succeed in wooing away many of the millions of British tourists who flock to Orlando in Florida each year, but it is increasingly popular as a destination for jazz fans and those seeking a distinctive atmosphere. One attraction growing in popularity, for example, is the cemeteries, where the predominantly Roman Catholic population buries its dead in vaults above ground because the city is 6ft below sea level.

It is the kind of macabre, outlandish spectacle that has become part of New Orleans life and one which is unlikely to be altered by civic "improvements".

MICHAEL POWELL


Away from the Mardi Gras throng, a private rehearsal

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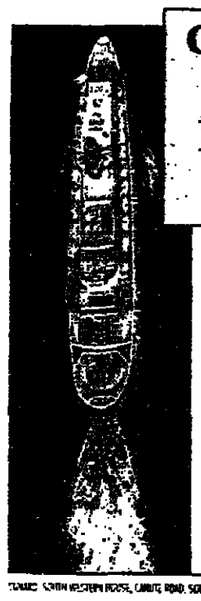
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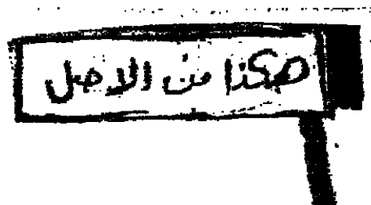
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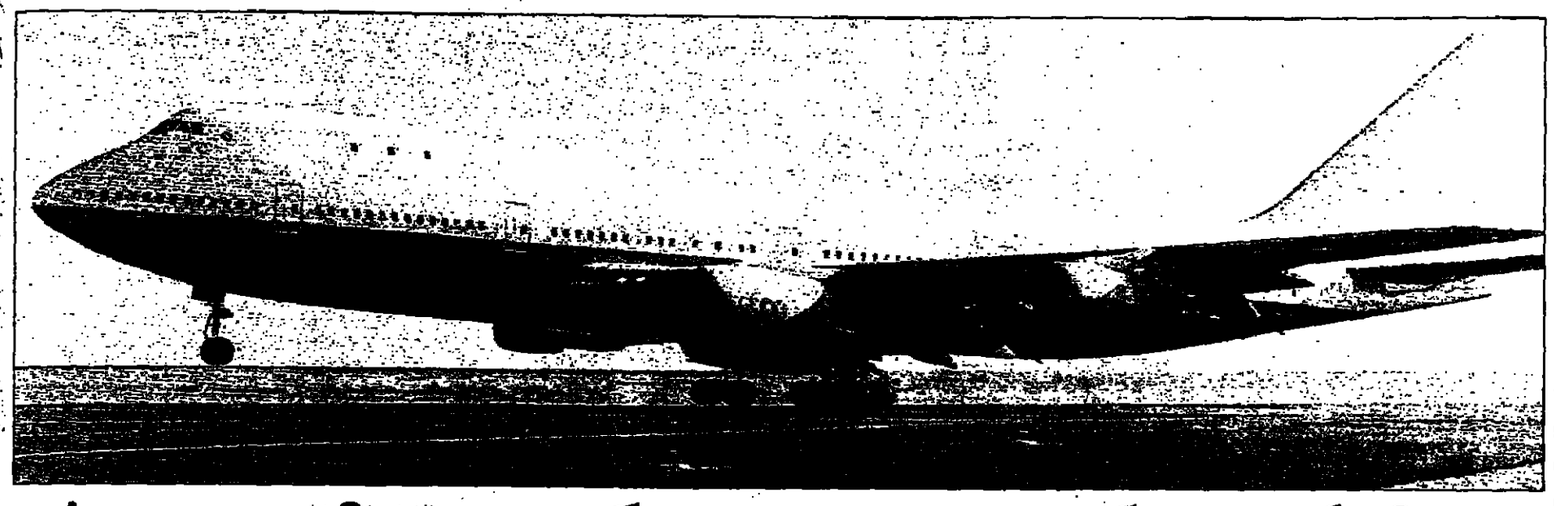
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America takes over the skies

■ British Airways has played an important part in helping Boeing's new £100m jet beat off European rivals

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

AMERICAN-built aircraft and engines now look certain to dominate the skies well into the next century as Boeing, General Electric and Pratt & Whitney take on European manufacturers in the booming market for long-range twin-engined jets.

Last week's decision by JAL, the Japanese carrier, to buy Pratt & Whitney engines to power its fleet of 20 Boeing 777s underlined the difficulty of the British and European aerospace industry's battle to compete with the American giants.

Rolls-Royce had been hoping to persuade the Japanese to fit the new Trent engine to the 777 but failed to win the £226 million order partly because all Japanese airlines have now taken Pratt engines and will set up one maintenance unit for them, but largely because of the political pressure America can bring to bear on Asian countries.

With airlines around the world losing money heavily, long-range twins are the only type of plane selling well, even with their £100 million price tag. The main reason for their success is the development of new engines whose diameter is as big as the fuselage of a Boeing 737, each of which is twice as powerful as those now used on jumbo jets — and many times more reliable. The engines can power a plane-load of 450 passengers over routes of up to 7,000 miles.

At the end of the 1980s, it seemed that Airbus, the European plane-making consortium, would sweep all before it in the race for just such a plane with its A330 and A340 family of aircraft. Then, in 1990, Boeing announced that it was going ahead with the new long-range twin-engined 777. Since then, 147 of the planes — 80 per cent of the market — have been ordered. Both Boeing and General Electric, with their GE90 engine, have based their sales campaign on what, to the largely conservative aero industry, was considered a novel idea — bringing in the customer to help in the detailed design right from the start to iron out problems before the plane or the engine was even built.

It was one of the reasons that British Airways, to the fury of Airbus and Rolls-Royce, decided to buy 15 777s and take another 15 options, and power them with GE engines. Since they signed the order, teams of BA engineers have worked alongside Boeing and GE to help produce the first passenger jet designed around the needs of the most humble of airport mechanics. Maintenance men, earning about £15,000 a year and whose job is normally to replace broken parts, were whisked from the engineering workshops of Heathrow and Gatwick to the Boeing headquarters in Seattle and asked to help in the design of the 777 and the GE90.

BA, which is spending £2.2 billion on up to 30 of the new long-range jets, plans to turn the aircraft into the workhorse of its fleet into the next century. As a result of the comments by BA, Boeing has changed the layout of hundreds of components to enable even the clumsiest mechanic to change them easily.

The 777 is Boeing's first "paperless" aeroplane. It was designed by computer after everyone who would have to use it had had their say in how it should be done.

The concept originally shocked Boeing designers, who had been accustomed to "throwing drawings over the fence" for the assembly workers to pick up and turn into a product which they hoped airlines would buy.

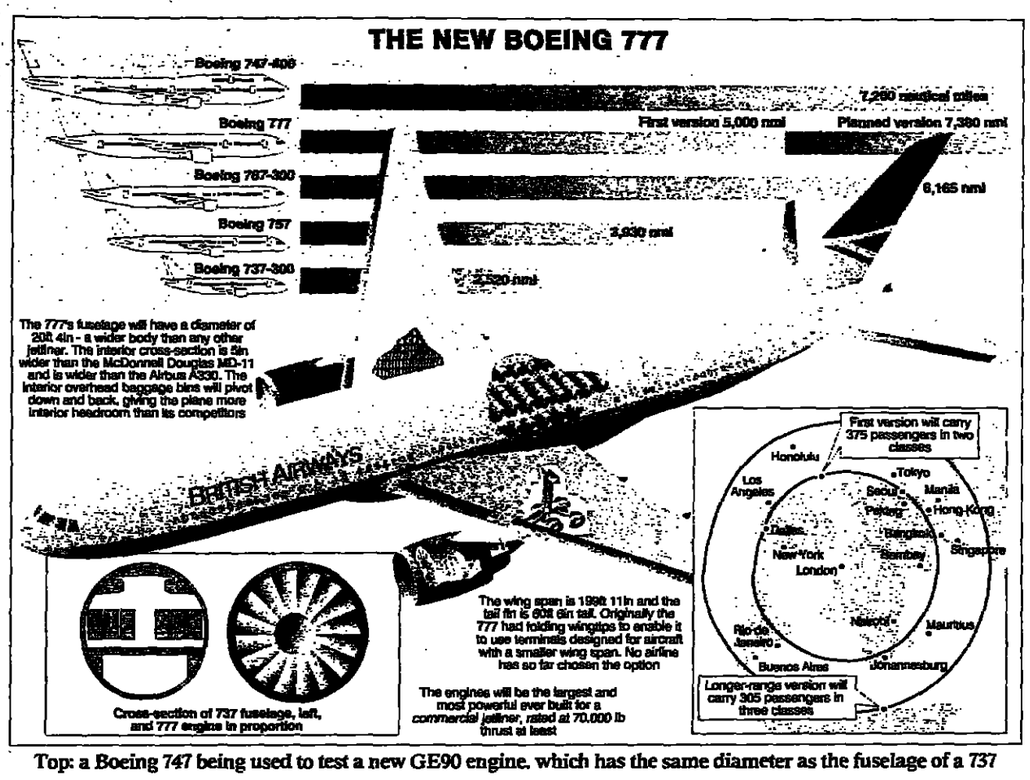
Phil Condit, Boeing's president, said: "We were determined that this should not happen with the 777 and invited the main airline customers, such as British Airways, to work with us all the way through the design process."

So much detailed work has been put into the jet in advance that it has been decided that it will fly for the first time on June 1 without a wooden mock-up being built to ensure that everything fits together.

The first 777s will be delivered to United Airways — which has also taken part in the "working together" experiment — in May next year with BA taking its first aircraft four months later.

The GE90, claimed by its makers to be the world's most powerful jet engine, has also been designed with the help of BA, who have had a team of engineers permanently based at the GE factory near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ironically, therefore, British Airways is indirectly helping some of Britain's biggest aero-industry rivals to build a plane and the engines to power it which will replace the Tristars, DC10s and older 747s already flying, of which around 3,000 will be built over the next 25 years.



Top: a Boeing 747 being used to test a new GE90 engine, which has the same diameter as the fuselage of a 737

Airlines take a gamble on flying 'casinos'

BY CHRIS LOCKWOOD

A ROW over gambling in the sky is blocking airport and air traffic control improvements worth more than £1 billion and threatening to thwart plans by airlines to introduce video gaming as a new form of in-flight entertainment.

United States senators are to vote within the next few weeks on an issue that has revived a peculiarly American attitude to public morality and which must be cleared before the government can release $1.8 billion for the upgrade of the nation's air transport infrastructure.

The money was raised by a 10 per cent airline ticket tax levied on the strict condition that it would be ploughed back into the industry. For one reason or another (mostly linked to the parlous state of the US budget), the fund has been frozen for years.

The latest controversy threatening further delay to the release of that fund started last autumn when Senator Richard Bryan of Nevada proposed that American airlines should be allowed to offer gambling in flight.

Now that plan has been opposed by Senator Slade Gorton of Washington, who is urging a ban on all forms of airborne gaming affecting all airlines operating services in American air space.

If that prohibition comes into effect, it will force Virgin Atlantic and Singapore Airlines to rethink their plans to introduce flying "casinos" as an option on new video entertainment programmes. Although details are not yet final, Virgin intends to offer video roulette and blackjack games as part of a £13 million upgrade of in-flight entertainment services. Initially, gambling would be offered on Airbus A340 Virgin flights to Hong Kong and Tokyo, which are due to start this spring. Passengers would place bets by using a credit card "swipe" unit attached to individual, in-seat video sets.

Singapore is studying a similar system as part of its own £54 million investment in cabin management and interactive passenger video programmes. Both carriers are unperturbed by prospects of an American ban on airborne punters, pointing out that if it becomes law they will merely block off that particular channel from passenger access.

There would be little impact on US gambling charter flights that ferry high-rollers to casinos in the Bahamas such as those operated by Sir Freddie Laker from a wide range of American cities. Such flights are only for known high-stake gamblers, but the actual betting takes place at tables on the ground.

The fact that the issue has been raised at all reflects a stand by America's so-called Moral Majority in a nation where legalised gambling is spreading rapidly.

Although Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada, were the original home bases of legal gaming in the US, there are now lotteries in 37 states and casinos in 15, including riverboats and Indian reservations.

Many Americans consider the proposed ban to be a throwback to the 1970s when a surge of states' individual rights created such extremes as a threat by Oklahoma to send up the state National Air Guard to force down airliners serving drinks as they flew over its "dry" territory. Like that moment of moral madness, say federal aviation officials, the idea of a gambling ban is also destined to disappear.

Meanwhile, Virgin and Singapore will press ahead with gaming options, especially on services to the betting-mad Far East. Other carriers are certain to follow suit.

Paris flights held up by the French

BY STEVE KEENAN

THREE airlines planning to launch regular services between Heathrow and Orly airport, Paris, are unlikely to be able to start in time for the busy summer schedules.

British Airways, British Midland and Air France have all applied to operate to the second airport of Paris, which would give them, they claim, a competitive edge over trains running through the Channel tunnel.

The planned launch of the service is March 27 or 28 — the day Air France axes services from Southampton and Bristol to Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris. But the opening of the Orly service looks as though it will be delayed because other French carriers have yet to submit plans for international flights.

The French equivalent of the Civil Aviation Authority says it is unable to give the go-ahead at this stage and will not be able to sort out the problems until mid-February at least. All three airlines want to start Orly services as soon as possible — certainly ahead of the Eurostar tunnel train link due to start in June or July. Eurostar expects 40 per cent of revenue to come from business users — who will make up only 15 per cent of passengers. Its service from Waterloo, London, to Paris will take three hours ten minutes, but Orly provides air passengers with easier access to the La Défense business district than Charles de Gaulle airport.

British Airways, which plans four flights a day to Orly, will cut two of its flights between Heathrow and Charles de Gaulle. The move to Orly is a potential money-spinner for BA, which owns 49 per cent of TAT, a French regional carrier that in turn has an extensive domestic network from Orly. It is also important for Air France, which has 48 onward connections throughout France with Air Inter, a sister airline.

British Midland plans four daily services to Orly, as well as its eight to Charles de Gaulle. The chairman, Sir Michael Bishop, in a clear reference to Eurostar, said: "The new route strengthens our portfolio of cross-Channel services and is a clear indication of our approach to competition in any form."

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Air smiles

BRITAIN'S 37 commercial airlines shared a £4 million windfall this month as the Civil Aviation Authority handed back excess profits. It is the first time that the CAA has been able to make the payment which, it says, was possible because of stringent cost-cutting by the authority.

The CAA shared its extra cash on a pro rata basis, with British Airways receiving the lion's share.

Plane speaking

THE impending clash between proponents of and objectors to plans to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow airport has all the signs of being one of the most tempestuous debates about aviation policy.



Sir John: royal talks

Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, has already had to try to explain the advantages to one local resident whose support would almost guarantee the project's success.

Apart from a raised eyebrow, however, the Queen, whose home at Windsor is uncomfortably close to the western end of the runways, has not formally revealed which side she will be on.

Price war

LUTON airport has complained to the European Commission about BAA's alleged "cross subsidisation" of Stansted by Heathrow and the anti-competitive pricing policy at the Essex airport. Luton claims it has lost holiday traffic, scheduled services and cargo operations because Stansted is able to offer low charges to airlines.

Appointment

IN OUR report on the forthcoming Queen's tour of the West Indies last week we incorrectly stated that Britain had appointed a new police commissioner of Jamaica. The appointment was, in fact, made by the Jamaican government.

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First class on the way out

BY MIKE SWINDELL

LEADING airlines are rethinking the services they offer as the first-class travel market continues to shrink. American Airlines is the latest to bow to market forces and do away with first class on three transatlantic routes — two out of the UK and one from Paris.

It joins KLM, Sabena, Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines and SAS, which have all dispensed with first class, either on specific routes or system-wide. In Britain, first-class cabins have been stripped from services to regional ports, such as Glasgow and Manchester. Even British Airways, which argues for the continuing need for first class, last year launched services to Los Angeles and New York out of Manchester and Birmingham with Boeing 767s that have only business and economy class cabins. However, London has been spared, apart from Virgin Atlantic, which has never offered a first-class cabin, and Continental Airlines.

Recession has taught companies and independent travellers the need for economy: an American Express study showed that almost 70 per cent of British businesses surveyed had recently taken initiatives to cut travel spending.

Paul Allan, the Guild of Business Travel Agents chairman, said: "In the recession, we lost many of our first and business class travellers."

Richard Lovell, managing director of the Wagonlit agency, believes that the lessons learnt by companies during the recession and a changing business ethos will sound the death knell for first-class travel on most international routes. "There will always be a few routes, such as those to the Middle East and Far East, where you will find people willing to pay a premium," he said. "But first class is declining."

British Airways insists that first class will remain, at least on some routes. A BA spokesman said: "There will always be people who want the best. We are doing well with first class."

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On Friday there will be an introduction to the weekend by H.C. Robbins Landon followed by a concert of two trios for flute, piano and cello by Haydn and two trios for violin, piano and cello by Mozart. After the concert there will be a welcome reception at the hotel.

On Saturday there will be a visit to Annecy with lunch in a fish restaurant. The old town is dominated by a twelfth century castle on the edge of Lake Annecy. Around the lake are fairytale castles, abbeys and ancient towns. In the afternoon the lecture will be followed by a concert of two quartets for piano and strings by Mozart and Haydn's Divertimento in E flat major for piano, violin, cello and two horns.

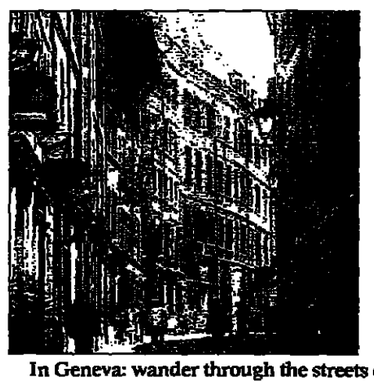
On Sunday morning there will be a concert held at the Chapelle des Cornillons in Chambery with Mozart's two quartets from a set of six dedicated to Joseph Haydn; Quartet in C major — The Dissonance and Quartet in D minor. In the afternoon there is time to explore the city. The old town is beautifully preserved with cobbled streets and squares and the cathedral which dates back to the 12th century. After the evening concert of Haydn's Four concerti for the King of Naples (1786) there will be a Gala Dinner.

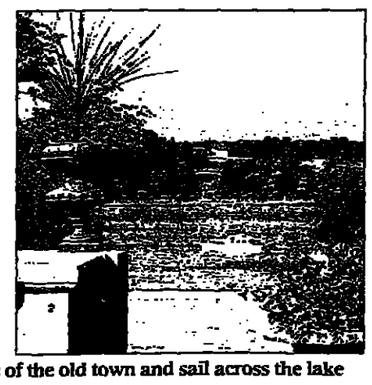
A morning farewell concert will take place on Monday with Haydn's Cassation (Divertimento) in D minor and Mozart's Divertimento in D major, March in D minor; Serenata Notturna for strings in D major. The afternoon is for exploring more of the old town of Geneva.

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NEWS

British general brokers deal

■ Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, Britain's United Nations commander in Bosnia, helped to pull off a coup yesterday, negotiating a ceasefire between the warring sides in Sarajevo and persuading the Serbs to withdraw their heavy guns from the fringes of the city.

The ceasefire, which takes effect at midday today, should bring relief to a city wracked by 22 months of war and human tragedy on a scale not seen in Europe since the Second World War ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Prime Minister talks of MP's torment

■ The Prime Minister spoke of the inner torment of Stephen Milligan. Questioned on a visit to the Midlands about the MP's death, John Major said that he "must have been pretty unhappy, pretty miserable" ..... **Page 1**

Major on offensive

John Major dismissed renewed talk of a challenge to his leadership as "empty chatterings" and regretted the "distractions" blurring the Government's good news on the economy ..... **Page 1**

Commons on hold

Labour's guerrilla tactics brought the work of a select committee to a halt, and Opposition leaders threatened to "shut down the Commons within days" by blocking legislation ..... **Page 8**

Policeman stabbed

A lone unarmed police sergeant was stabbed to death as he tackled three masked men trying to escape from a post office raid ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Berlusconi hitch

Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian media mogul, hit a snag in his campaign to become Prime Minister when his brother was accused of bribing bankers ..... **Page 10**

Oscar contenders

Emma Thompson, Anthony Hopkins and Daniel Day Lewis led a strong showing from the British film industry as the nominations for the Oscar awards were announced ..... **Page 1**

Talks impasse

Talks between the South African government, the African National Congress and the Freedom Alliance broke up without agreement ..... **Page 11**

Ban overturned

A ban by Somerset County Council on the Quantock Staghounds was overturned by a High Court judge, who said the authority acted unlawfully ..... **Page 4**

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Hillary Clinton's former law firm denied reports that it had shredded documents about the First Couple's investment in the Whitewater firm ..... **Page 13**

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Monte Carlo or bust

■ How intrepid is intrepid? Kevin Eason on the 160 amateurs re-creating the adventure of motoring in its most glamorous years, the Monte Carlo rally

Programmed to tackle crime

■ In the leafy suburbs of Cambridgeshire, neighbourhood watch schemes are using computers in the battle against crime

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Deng Xiaoping's appearance on television is more likely to concentrate Chinese minds on his demise than bolster assurances of his good health ..... **Page 17**

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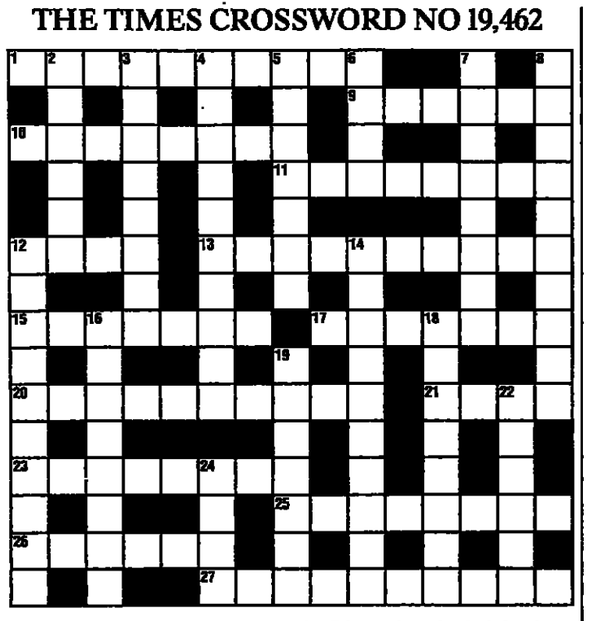
If the West really wanted to do something to relieve Sarajevo, it would repeal the misconceived arms embargo and throw support behind the Bosnian forces, doing it not through the tangled web of the United Nations, but through Nato

— The Wall Street Journal

One must realise that an immense country [Russia] . . . is in the process of reappearing. Moreover, it is a good thing. Such an enormous emptiness was, in the long term, a cause of fear. In astrophysics, it is called a black hole. Something which can provoke a series of catastrophes

— Le Figaro

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1 Bring order to main prison (10).
9 Saw the first of Alpine peaks (6).
10 Animal's return after liberation revealed in book (8).
11 Italian artist and architect inspire a transformation (8).
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15 Accountant sounds warning for US partnership (7).
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2 Each bishop, for example, takes a book of services to church (6).
3 Regal circle is assembled in the old palace (8).
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6 Leader of Muslim's put in appearance here (4).
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8 He provided innovative style, obviously (10).
12 It's best on an isolated patch for this thief (10).
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16 Don is showing his agitation (8).
18 Dramatist is heard to be involved with new production (8).
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22 Record-holder — some jumper! (6).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Penzance, 0.4in: highest sunshine: Folkestone, 8.7hr.

WEATHER

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start bright with a widespread frost away from the east coast.

Almost everywhere will have a dry day with sunny periods, although there will be a shower or two in eastern England.

Cloud will spread into the South West during the morning, with rain reaching southwest Wales and Northern Ireland by evening.

Scotland will be mainly dry and bright.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Central North, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** early frost. Mainly dry with sunny periods. Wind northwesterly light. Max 6-8C (43-46F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England, Aberdeen:** occasional showers. Wind northwesterly moderate to fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S Wales, N Ireland:** bright start. Cloud increasing in afternoon. Light rain by evening. Wind variable and light. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **SW England:** cloud increasing, light rain by afternoon. Wind becoming southerly light. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **N Wales, Isle of Man, Argyll, NW Scotland:** bright start. Cloudy by evening. Wind variable and light. Max 6-8C (43-46F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy and bright. Wind northerly fresh, becoming southerly light. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** becoming colder, with wintry showers in the east.

MIDDAY

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dust; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

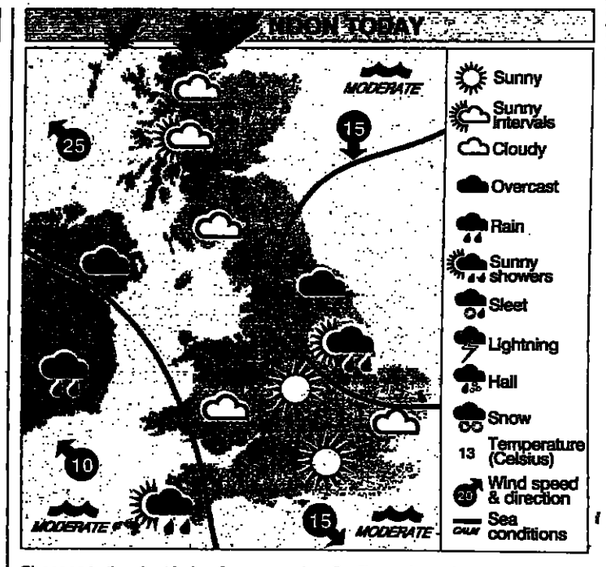
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Aberdeen	3.9	-	6	43	s	London	6.8	-	9	48	s
Anglesey	-	0.22	8	46	r	Lowestoft	7.5	-	8	46	s
Aspatria	0.6	0.17	7	45	r	Manchester	4.0	0.04	7	45	r
Aviemore	3.4	0.17	5	41	r	Margate	X	-	10	50	s
Belfast	0.2	0.22	8	46	r	Minehead	X	-	10	50	c
Birmingham	3.7	0.01	7	45	r	Morecambe	1.3	0.16	7	45	r
Bognor R	6.9	-	9	48	s	Newcastle	4.5	-	7	45	s
Bournem'th	4.9	-	10	50	s	Newquay	X	-	-	-	-
Bristol	2.7	-	9	48	b	Norwich	7.7	-	8	46	s
Buxton	3.0	0.12	5	41	r	Nottingham	3.9	0.02	7	45	r
Cardiff	2.0	0.04	8	46	r	Penzance	-	0.40	10	50	r
Clacton	7.8	-	8	46	s	Plymouth	-	0.17	9	48	r
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Poole	3.7	-	10	50	s
Colwyn Bay	2.4	-	9	48	b	Ross-o-wye	2.2	-	8	46	b
Cromer	7.2	-	8	46	s	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Dunbar	X	-	-	-	-	Salcombe	X	-	-	-	-
Eastbourne	7.8	-	9	48	s	Sandown	8.1	-	9	48	s
Edinburgh	2.6	-	8	46	b	Scarrin Snd	-	0.04	8	46	du
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.31	5	41	r	Scarboro'	6.7	-	8	46	s
Exmouth	1.7	0.02	9	48	d	Scilly Isles	-	0.16	10	50	r
Falmouth	X	0.37	9	48	r	Shanklin	6.2	-	9	48	s
Folkestone	8.7	-	9	48	s	Skegness	7.7	-	7	45	s
Glasgow	0.1	0.12	7	45	r	Southend	8.5	X	X	X	s
Guernsey	2.2	0.11	X	X	r	Southport	2.4	0.18	7	45	r
Hastings	8.1	-	9	48	s	Southsea	5.8	-	9	48	s
Heyling I.	X	-	-	-	-	Stornoway	0.7	0.38	6	43	r
Herne Bay	8.6	-	9	48	s	Swanage	5.0	0.01	10	50	s
Hove	5.0	-	9	48	b	Teignmouth	1.5	0.01	9	48	r
Hunstanton	7.4	-	7	45	s	Tenby	-	0.09	9	48	r
Isle of Man	-	0.24	9	48	r	Tiree	0.7	0.33	8	46	r
Jersey	4.1	0.04	9	48	r	Torquay	1.8	0.05	9	48	d
Kinloss	4.6	0.03	8	46	r	Tynemouth	X	-	-	-	-
Leeds	3.9	0.06	7	45	r	Ventnor	6.0	-	10	50	s
Lerwick	4.9	0.09	5	41	s	West-s-mare	2.2	0.03	8	46	r
Littlehmptn	5.8	-	9	48	s	Weymouth	3.8	-	10	50	s
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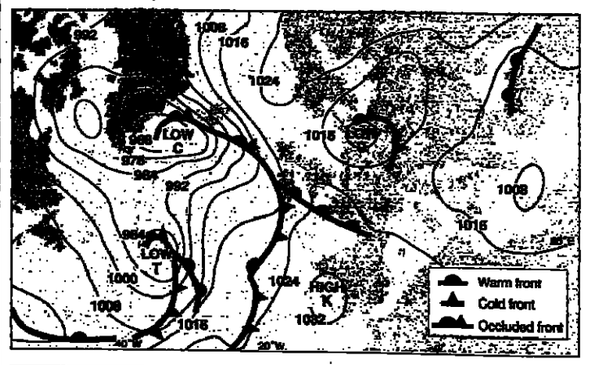
Ajaccio	13	55	t	C'hagn	2	36	c	Majorca	14	57	s
Alicante	16	61	f	Corfu	16	61	f	Malaga	16	59	s
Alex'dria	19	66	c	Dublin	6	43	s	Malta	12	54	f
Algiers	15	59	f	Dubrovnik	15	59	f	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Amst'dm	8	46	f	Faro	15	59	s	Mexico C	19	66	s
Athens	12	54	f	Florence	11	52	f	Miami	27	81	c
Bahrain	22	72	s	Frankfurt	2	36	c	Milan	11	52	s
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	16	61	s	Montreal	-21	-6	f
Barbados	24	75	r	Geneva	5	41	s	Moscow	-17	1	s
Barcelona	13	55	s	Gibraltar	16	61	s	Munich	3	37	c
Beirut	15	59	f	Helsinki	-12	10	s	Nairobi	23	84	s
Belgrade	7	45	f	Hong K	21	70	s	Naples	13	55	f
Berlin	5	41	c	Innsbruck	4	39	c	N Delhi	13	55	fg
Bermuda	20	68	f	Istanbul	8	46	f	N York	-9	16	sn
Biarritz	10	50	f	Jeddah	28	84	s	Nice	14	57	s
Borde'x	10	50	r	Jo'burg	18	61	f	Oslo	-4	25	sn
Brussels	5	41	c	L Palmas	18	64	c	Paris	8	46	c
Budapst	7	45	f	Ls Tquet	9	48	f	Peking	5	41	s
B Aires	31	88	f	Lisbon	10	50	s	Perth	25	77	f
Cairo	21	70	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Prague	3	37	f
Cape Tn	33	91	s	L Angels	14	57	f	Reykjavik	1	34	f
Chicago	-9	16	sn	Luxembg	1	34	fg	Rhodes	16	61	s
Ch'church	23	73	f	Luxor	22	72	s	Rio de J	33	91	f
Cologne	5	41	r	Madrid	6	43	s	Riyadh	22	72	s
Rome	16	61	s	Salzburg	3	37	r				
S F'isco	11	52	c	Santiago	28	82	s				
S Paulo	25	77	c	Seoul	-5	23	f				
Sing'por	28	82	f	St'kholm	-2	28	sn				
Strasb'rg	4	39	f	Sydney	28	82	s				
Tangier	16	61	c	Tel Aviv	17	63	f				
Tenerife	17	63	c	Tokyo	15	59	s				
Toronto	-15	5	f	Tunis	13	55	f				
Valencia	17	63	s	Vanc'ver	-1	30	c				
Venice	11	52	c	Vienna	5	41	f				
Warsaw	1	34	sn	Wash'ton	-2	28	c				
Wel'ngton	22	72	f	Zurich	3	37	c				

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low C will remain stationary and fill. Low T will move NE and fill, low U SE and fill. High K will remain stationary and decline



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London Bridge	1.33	6.88	1.59	7.08	Liverpool	11.06	9.36	11.32	9.13
Aberdeen	1.11	4.14	1.15	4.33	Lowestoft	9.33	2.39	9.25	2.56
Avonmouth	7.05	13.10	7.28	12.99	Margate	—	—	12.16	4.53
Belfast	10.58	3.55	11.21	3.32	Milford Haven	6.04	6.93	6.23	6.76
Cardiff	6.50	12.11	7.31	12.01	Newquay	4 55	5.90	5.13	6 80
Devonport	5.29	5.40	5.54	5.20	Oban	5.35	4.00	5.53	3.80
Dover	10.59	6.32	11.15	6.54	Penzance	4.26	5.50	4.49	5.30
Falmouth	4.59	5.20	5.24	5.00	Portland	6.34	2.10	6.58	1.90
Glasgow	12.42	4.50	12.58	4.90	Portsmouth	11.12	4.60	11 41	4.70
Harwich	11.48	3.91	—	—	Shoreham	11.16	6.26	11.40	6.44
Holyhead	10.10	5.60	10.35	5.34	Southampton	10.45	4 41	11.18	4.54
Hull	6.15	8.99	6.19	7.44	Swansea	6.09	9.46	6.30	9.30
Ilfracombe	5.51	9.16	6.12	8.98	Tees	3.37	5.08	3.44	5.31
King's Lynn	6.25	6.30	6.24	6.60	Wilton-on-Nze	11.42	4.09	11.55	4.07
Leith	2.26	5.37	2.38	5.49					

SUN AND MOON

Sun rises: 7.24 am
Sun sets: 5.06pm
Moon sets 5.27 pm
Moon rises 6.51 am
New Moon 3.30 am

London 5.05 pm to 7.34 am
Bristol 5.16 pm to 7.34 am
Edinburgh 5.05 pm to 7.50 am
Manchester 5.09 pm to 7.38 am
Penzance 5.31 pm to 7.42 am

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Carsberg in direct approach to banks

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SIR Bryan Carsberg, the fair-trade watchdog, is to go direct to banks and building societies to try to persuade them to give their customers "best advice" after their revised code of practice failed to call for it.

Sir Bryan, Director-General of Fair Trading, is angry that banks and building societies "wasted an opportunity" to increase consumer protection this week when the British Bankers' Association, the Building Societies' Association and the Association for Payment Clearing Services published code revisions.

The voluntary code, accepted by 298 banks and societies, is the second edition of guidelines that came into force two years ago. A committee headed by Sir George Blunden began to review it last March.

Sir Bryan last summer told the committee that banks and societies should give "best advice" to clients "increasingly being offered a myriad of financial products, particularly as banks move further into life insurance, with or without links to mortgages, investments and pensions".

A spokeswoman for the Office of Fair Trading said yesterday that "very little of what was recommended has been taken on-board".

Sir Bryan has refused to let the matter rest. The OFT has therefore decided "that the only way now is to approach the individual banks and building societies".

The OFT spokeswoman said that societies and banks were not acting illegally and Sir Bryan could not make them comply. However, "the feeling is that customers are not getting a good deal and not getting best advice".

The OFT particularly wants "best advice" to be offered on mortgage products, not covered by the Financial Services Act, unlike other investments.

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Kenneth Clarke being greeted by Jean-Claude Trichet, Governor of the Bank of France, left, at the bank's Paris headquarters yesterday

Sterling hit by unease over interest rate cut

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING suffered its second day of heavy selling as investors expressed deep unease about the motives behind Tuesday's quarter-point interest rate cut and the apparent contradictions in official explanations for the move.

Since the Bank of England signalled the cut, the pound has lost more than four pfennigs against the mark, or 1.5 per cent of its value. It closed yesterday at DM2.5698 compared with DM2.6150 before the policy change.

Foreign exchange dealers said that investors were concerned, not about the cut itself — a quarter point cut would not normally have such a negative impact on the currency — but about its timing. Mark Geddes, treasury economist at Midland Global Markets, said there is perception that the cut was politically, rather than economically, motivated.

A measure of the cynicism came from John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe. "Political scandals may not have an impact on interest rate policy but the timing of this cut is certainly regarded as unfortunate."

Neither recent economic statistics nor statements by the Chancellor or Bank of England appeared, even yesterday, properly to justify a cut in interest rates at this stage. On the same morning base rates were cut, Kenneth Clarke told *Le Figaro* that his 2.5 per cent growth forecast for this year is looking "more and more modest". Yesterday saw publication of the Bank's *Inflation Report*, which said that underlying inflation would be at around 3 per cent by the end of next year and that the risks were on the upside.

This projection came despite the fact that the Bank said that the inflation performance since the last report in November had been better than expected and therefore that any subsequent rise in inflation would start from a lower base.

Mr Shepperd of Yamaichi said that sterling investors would have been less worried if the authorities had argued that a rate cut was necessary because, for example, impending tax increases would dent growth and cut inflationary pressures. There is plenty of support in the City for cutting interest rates to as low as 4 per cent for this reason.

But the official message yesterday was that growth may be more robust than expected at Budget time and there are upside risks on inflation. "People are asking what the hidden agenda is. If political pressures are having a bearing, what suffers is the long-term inflation outlook," Mr Shepperd said.

Another commonly held view in the markets is that the quarter point cut was a compromise after disagreement on policy between the Bank and the Chancellor. The Bank is believed to have opposed a half point cut. Economists expressed concern about the apparent contradictions in reasons given for the move.

Mr Clarke said that the decision was taken because the inflation outlook had improved and not because of concern about the potential impact of tax increases on the recovery. But the Bank said both were factors.

The UK government bond closed down another ½ point. On the stock market, the FT-SE 100 fell around 36.5 points, before ending 11.1 lower at 3,429.1.

Sterling's trade weighted index closed at 80.8 against its finish on Tuesday at 81.5.

☐ Mr Clarke told a Paris news conference that the debate over whether to make the Bank of England independent could go on for a long time.

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O'Reilly says full bid is an option

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TONY O'Reilly, the Irish publisher who has almost 25 per cent of the company that produces *The Independent* newspaper, has said a full bid remains an option although he would prefer to stay a minority shareholder.

The statement was forced by the City Panel on Takeovers and Mergers after incorrect reports in the press that Mr O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers group had no wish to seek 100 per cent control of Newspaper Publishing, which publishes *The Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*.

Mr O'Reilly's group "strongly prefers" its involvement with Newspaper Publishing to be as a minority shareholder but "does not wish to be thought to have so restricted its options for developing its relationship with NP for the future," the statement said.

Liam Healey, chief executive of Independent Newspapers, said: "It means that we would be free to make a bid for *The Independent* if we wanted to."

On Tuesday, Mirror Group Newspapers, whose £55.05 million offer for the two papers was superceded by the "dawn raid" that netted Mr O'Reilly 24.99 per cent, said it might increase its consortium bid, raising the prospect of an all-out takeover battle.

Last night, the Spanish shareholders in *The Independent* flew two National Union of Journalists representatives from the company to Madrid for talks.

Meanwhile, Mr O'Reilly's group has branched out further, with the Ir£20 million (£18.86 million) purchase of a controlling 31 per cent stake in Argus Newspapers in South Africa. In due course, the company will be listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, with Independent Newspapers retaining its stake. Argus publishes more than four million papers a week.

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Rising taxes will not halt recovery, claims CBI

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S economic recovery will not be halted by forthcoming tax increases, Howard Davies, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry said last night.

The CBI added that the recovery in manufacturing industry had spread to all mainland regions of the United Kingdom.

The CBI's upbeat analysis of the economy was tempered by a warning from Mr Davies that the economy might not grow as rapidly as it had been as a result of the tax rises that are due to come into force next month.

The CBI leader said that a study of past large tax rises did not suggest that a slowing down in consumer spending was inevitable, if the savings ratio fell.

Giving the biennial Bridge Lecture in the City, Mr Davies said the Government would be advised to reduce interest rates "a little further" this year, especially if the exchange rate strengthened or there was some adverse effect on confidence from the tax rises.

Mr Davies's remarks came after the confederation's latest regional breakdown of its authoritative industrial trends survey indicated that the recovery in manufacturers' orders has now spread to all mainland regions of the United Kingdom for the first time since the start of the recession.

Apart from Northern Ireland, the CBI's survey showed that total orders rose in all regions, with the largest increases in Yorkshire, the South East, Scotland and Wales. Business optimism is also up in all regions, while output has risen in eight areas of the UK.

Overall demand and output are also expected to rise further in all mainland regions over the next four months. But the survey shows that manufacturing employment is still falling in all regions, except Scotland. Though the rate of job losses has eased, only in East Anglia is it forecast to increase in the next four months.

Job losses are forecast to be especially acute in the South East, where the CBI estimates that a further 16,000 jobs will be lost alone in manufacturing industry in the first quarter of this year. However, despite the still gloomy job prospects, the survey's findings prompted optimistic views of the economy.

Richard Holt of Business Strategies, the regional economics consultancy with which the confederation's survey is jointly produced, said that the recovery was "widening and deepening" in its regional coverage and that there was "no evidence from the survey of anything which is likely to trip up the recovery in the short term."

TONY WHITE



Maverick voice: Kate Barker of Ford is moving to the CBI

Six men and a problem

THE Chancellor, is facing a problem over the Treasury's "seven wise men" — its team of independent advisory economists — after the CBI yesterday announced that Kate Barker, head of economics at Ford of Europe, is to be its new chief economic adviser (Philip Bassett writes).

Ms Barker, 36, who is responsible at Ford for monitoring and projecting macroeconomic trends and vehicle demand across Europe, will replace Andrew Sentance, who gave up his place on the Chancellor's advisory team when he moved from the CBI to the London Business School, which already has a representative on the group.

When the group was set up by Norman Lamont, Mr Clarke's predecessor, the Treasury stressed places were by invitation only and were not "held" by the organisations from which the economists came, which include a range of City and academic institutions, and the CBI.

But the group, which presents regular economic forecasts to the Chancellor, has not taken on anyone else to replace Mr Sentance, and the Treasury said yesterday there were "no plans to bring in anyone else at the present."

Ms Barker worked at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research before joining Ford in 1985. She is married with two children and is a respected industrial economist, and a member of the Treasury's separate advisory panel of economists from industry, and of the advisory panel of women economists set up by the *Guardian* newspaper to shadow — and embarrass — the all-male "seven wise men".

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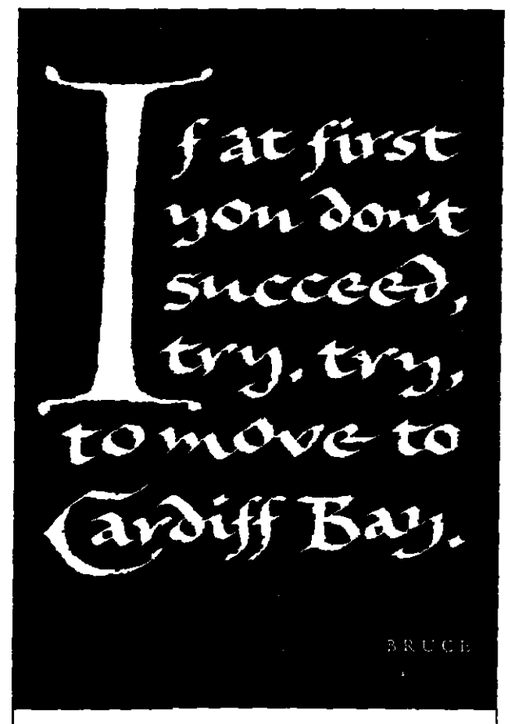
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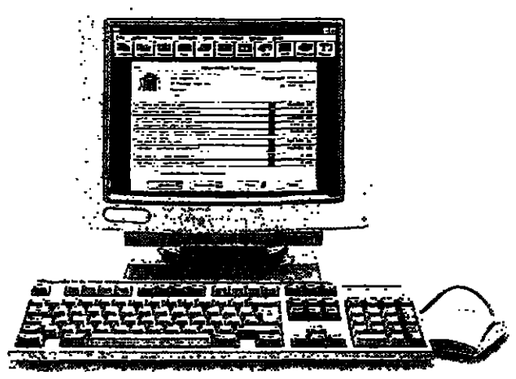
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Chatset under fire over advice to accept Lloyd's settlement

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ In offering advice to names on how to vote on the Lloyd's offer Chatset is changing its stance. The analyst has a proven track record on forecasting Lloyd's results

CHATSET, the Lloyd's analyst, has been criticised for crossing the divide between offering independent analysis and subjective advice to names.

On Tuesday, Chatset released its forecasts for 1991 losses accompanied by an editorial comment, which contained the advice that names should accept the Lloyd's £900 million settlement offer. The editorial stated: "There would be winners and losers from rejection of the offer. We believe there would be far more losers than winners. Our advice would be to take what is on offer and be grateful for small mercies."

This remark, however, has revealed a deep split in the views of Charles Sturge and John Rew, Chatset's co-editors. Mr Rew said: "Those remarks were written by Charles Sturge and directed at those continuing to trade." In spite of appearing in Chatset's latest publication saying "our advice" would be to accept the offer, the remarks reflect the personal view of Mr Sturge and not those of himself, Mr Rew said. Mr Rew stands at the opposite end of the spectrum, adamantly against accepting the offer. As a result of the differing views, Mr Rew is rejecting the offer while Mr Sturge is accepting.

Christopher Messer, chairman of the long-tail action groups, which represent names on syndicates facing future losses for policies written many years ago, criticised Mr Sturge. He said: "It is most unfortunate when an individual for whom I have the highest personal regard, and whose forecasts of loss and deterioration have proved to be substantially more accurate than most, makes a recommendation purporting to represent company policy when clearly it does not."

Mr Sturge said that the remarks were purely his own and that he also meant the recommendation for acceptance to be directed at names on spiral syndicates and not long-tail syndicates. Mr Messer drew attention to the fact that Mr Sturge is exposed to the spiral syndicate losses rather than any long-tail losses.

The move by Chatset to offer advice in any form is a change in stance. Hitherto it has confined its activities to scrutinising the financial affairs of the insurance market. The analyst has a proven record for forecasting Lloyd's results, normally being more accurate than Lloyd's itself. Mr Messer said: "Perhaps in future Chatset should stick to what they are rightly respected for and keep clear of the 'opinion' arena."

Mr Rew said the divide between the views of himself and Mr Sturge "illustrates the pernicious nature of the offer in that it promotes the "divide and rule" philosophy of the Lloyd's establishment by making it in the interests of those who are continuing to trade to beggar their less fortunate fellows". However, he said that there is no guarantee that names will be able to continue underwriting next year and that they may find themselves following in the footsteps of less fortunate colleagues.

Jaguar continues to run into red

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

JAGUAR, the luxury car group owned by Ford Motor Company, continued to run deeply in the red last year, bringing its total losses since Ford paid $2.5 billion it in 1989 to $1.2 billion.

The Coventry-based car maker, whose American sales are being boosted by a leasing programme allowing customers to drive a luxury model for $59 a day, lost $371 million last year, compared with a $421 million loss a year earlier.

The latest figures include a $174 million one-off restructuring charge, without which losses would have been halved. Ford executives say that they are beginning to see benefits of cost cutting, but analysts doubt Jaguar can break even this year.

In spite of its poor performances and continued losses on European operations, Ford reported its best profits for four years.

Last year's $2.5 billion net income compares with a $7.3 billion loss for 1992 on a turnover up 8 per cent to $108 billion. Car and truck sales rose 3.5 per cent worldwide to 5.96 million units.

But while net income from making cars produced a $940 million profit from a $8.6 billion loss last time, it was the 54 per cent rise to a record $1.6 billion profit of Ford's financing operations that boosted the bottom line.

However, Alexander Trotman, the British-born chairman and chief executive of Ford, is optimistic. He said: "We are in good shape for 1994. We have strong new products and we expect better economic conditions. But there is still more to do and we remain committed to increasing efficiency . . . "

The group's vehicle sales in the UK for the full year dropped almost 11 per cent to 422,000.



Alexander Trotman says Ford is in good shape for 1994

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eggar pledge on pits marked for closure

ANY more pits earmarked for closure by British Coal will be offered to private companies, the Government said last night. Twenty-eight closed collieries have been offered already for lease or licence, and it is likely that six will end up in private hands. Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, said that the Government was committed to ensuring that any pits due for closure were made available to the private sector "in parallel" to the imminent privatisation of the industry.

Mr Eggar said in a written parliamentary reply that the pits would be kept on a care and maintenance basis. "The chairman of British Coal has assured me that no equipment will be removed from the pits proposed for closure at general review meetings last week unless the reserves of any of the pits are reallocated to adjacent mines or unless the removal of machinery is essential for safety reasons," he said. British Coal will be left with only 16 working pits after its latest closure programme. Experts believe that more mines will shut before the industry is privatised. Legislation to privatise British Coal is going through the Commons and will lead to the industry being offered for sale, probably in the summer, as five regional packages.

Gas supplier jobs to go

UP TO 500 jobs are to go at Schlumberger Industries, a gas meter factory in Stretford, Manchester. The losses, which will take place over the next year, have been blamed on a fall in orders from British Gas, the company's main customer. "Revised purchasing requirements during 1994 have recently been confirmed by British Gas," a company spokesman said. "As British Gas is our main customer, this will, unfortunately, have a significant effect on the number of people we are able to employ."

British Midland move

BRITISH Midland will lease a fleet of 11 Boeing 737s from Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) as part of the Nordic carrier's tough cost-cutting programme, which foresees 2,900 jobs being shed from a workforce of 20,000. The SAS board, which aims to strengthen the airline's financial base, decided yesterday to raise its cost-savings target to a total 2.9 billion kronor (£245 million) by mid-1995, from its previous target of 2 to 2.5 billion kronor. SAS owns 40 per cent of Airlines of Britain Holdings, British Midland's parent.

Wales investment leads

WALES is leading the UK in attracting inward investment, but Welsh firms hoping to work with the multi-nationals need to raise quality standards, says a University of Wales report. Lack of research and development centres and a weakness in workforce skills are also identified by the team from the regional industrial research centre led by Professor Philip Cooke. The report says in the last decade, Wales has attracted nearly four times its expected share of investment against the South East, which achieved only one third.

Sheraton favourite

SHERATON has been confirmed as the favoured candidate to take over Ciga, Italy's debt-ridden luxury hotel chain, agreeing to pay about $530 million for its 34 hotels, a Ciga spokesman said. The proposal has been accepted by five creditor banks, but still needs the approval of another 15 banks. The Rocco Forte and George Soros bid had been the favourite, but Sheraton offered more. The Sheraton offer comprises 72 per cent of Ciga's total debt. The offer by Mr Forte and Mr Soros includes less than 65 per cent.

Edell to go early

Stephen Edell, the building societies ombudsman, is stepping down on July 30, after seven years in office. Mr Edell, who was the first ombudsman to be appointed when the office opened in July 1987, is leaving five months sooner than expected. The building societies ombudsman's office said "a consensus had emerged" that Mr Edell should stand down after presenting the annual report for the year to March 31 1994 in June. His successor will be Brian Murphy, 53, who was appointed an ombudsman in May 1992.

Pension report attacked

PENSIONERS whose Maxwell pension funds were milked told the Commons social security committee yesterday that proposed changes to pension rules would fail to prevent such a scandal happening again. Kenneth Trench, chairman of the Maxwell Pensioners Action Group, criticised the Goode report on pension law for failing to urge government regulation of pensions. The Securities Investment Board and the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, provide self-regulatory oversight of the pension industry.

Heseltine to stand clear of battle for Westland

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, head of the Department of Trade and Industry, has handed responsibility for decisions about Westland Group, the helicopter maker subject to a £496 million bid from GKN, to Tim Sainsbury, the department's next most senior minister.

Mr Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who resigned as Defence Secretary in 1986 in a row over Westland's future, is determined to stay detached from the company's fate this time round.

Westland's board, headed by Sir Leslie Fletcher, yesterday emphatically rejected the takeover bid, although GKN has already secured a 47 per cent stake. GKN, a leader in car transmission components and industrial services, wants Westland in its defence arm, which makes Warrior armoured vehicles.

Westland said that the 290p-a-share offers "lack strategic logic" and "fail to value properly Westland's prospects under its existing management".

Alan Jones, chief executive, said: "The GKN bid brings nothing extra to Westland." In a reference to tax advantages that GKN would gain from increased earnings in Britain, he added: "Its offers clearly undervalue the business and appear principally designed to address GKN's tax problems."

Westland executives remain puzzled that GKN, which has held a 28.3 per cent stake since 1988, failed to approach them earlier about plans for a takeover. Instead, GKN exercised its pre-emption rights over an 18.7 per cent holding owned by United Technologies Corporation, the US owner of Sikorsky helicopters, and then made a surprise bid.

Westland's rejection of GKN's offer sets the scene for a long battle for the company. Because Westland is the UK's only helicopter manufacturer, the Government will have to take a close interest because of implications for Britain's defence manufacturing capacity.

Mr Heseltine resigned in 1986 after the Cabinet let Westland seek rescue support from UTC, Fiat and Hanson when he preferred a tie-up with a European consortium led by Aérospatiale, of France.

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Foreign takeovers can damage UK wealth

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FOREIGN acquisitions "may have certain detrimental effects on the United Kingdom economy" and current merger policy is inadequate to protect Britain's interests, according to the first detailed study of takeovers of British firms in the 1980s.

Jobs have been lost, imports have risen, and control of finances and research spending has often moved overseas as a result of the £60 billion spent by foreigners taking over 1,278 UK firms in the past eight years, the study found.

The study, by Jim Hamill and Pam Castledine of the Strathclyde International Business Unit at the University of Strathclyde, concluded: "United Kingdom acquisitions by non-European Community firms have generally positive effects on UK trade: the opposite is the case for EC acquisitions of UK companies."

Their findings are based upon responses from a representative sample of 73 UK firms taken over during the late 1980s. According to the study, "the fact that over 40 per cent of the total value of all crossborder acquisitions in Europe is accounted for by the foreign acquisition of UK companies reflects an 'un-level playing field' which puts British companies at a major disadvantage."

The researchers found non-EC firms often bought British operations to establish market share in the single European market, while EC firms were more likely to make UK acquisitions to cut their costs.

The authors say their findings raise important questions about UK merger policy. "The main weakness is the almost total lack of attention paid to the wider macro and micro-economic effects," they say.

Increased competition from foreign companies, especially water supply, electronics and financial services, was accompanied by increasing concentration of market share, notably in chemicals, financial services, publishing and food and drink, the study found.

Two-thirds of companies taken over cut employment. The total number of employees in the 73 firms has shrunk by 11 per cent, to 91,061, since they were acquired.

Overall, the findings suggest there were net benefits to UK industry in terms of inward transfer of technology or research and development spending, with over 40 per cent claiming an improvement.

Exports were also likely to increase sharply: 44 per cent of firms claimed increases in export volumes as a result of their takeover.

Foreign Acquisitions in the UK: Impact and Policy. University of Strathclude, 173 Cathedral Street, Glasgow.

☐ Carsberg targets the banks ☐ Generators and watchdog head to head ☐ A shy, retiring Chancellor

Probably the world's best regulator

☐ SIR Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading, deserves a ripple of *applause, if only for spoiling a* few newspaper cutting albums. Four artistic souls, including Sir Nicholas Goodison, gazed out of yesterday's broadsheets, hands clutching a work entitled: *Good Banking.*

Unfortunately for the rewrite men, attempting to instil life into the Code of Banking Practice, which proved a high street flop a couple of years ago, Carsberg appeared to favour a title switch to *Not So Good Banking.* Outcome: four grins accompanied by headlines of the "Carsberg slams banking code" variety.

Carsberg was withering. The banks and building societies had "wasted an opportunity" to step up "consumer protection". In his words: "I am disappointed that the Code fails to take account of the banks' and building societies' increasing emphasis on the sale of financial services." *Of particular* concern to Carsberg was the absence of a committment to give "best advice" to customers being offered a "myriad of financial products" embracing life assurance, investments and pensions.

Embarrassing for the Cheshire cats along with Sir George Blunden, chairman of the Review Committee, who, bearing in mind the two-year time frame, can hardly plead a fraught deadline. More to the point, Blunden and his committee either missed the OFT's warning light or, more likely, chose to ignore it.

The OFT just happens to be one of the Blunden Committee's 18 "major consultees", and, last July, Carsberg publicly stressed that the banks and building societies should be required to give "best advice", particularly over the choice between endowment linked and repayment mortgages. As Carsberg delicately put it: "There is an uncomfortable feeling that bias may exist because of the commissions available on life assurance products." Such matters are dear to Carsberg's heart, note his *subsequent attack on the life* offices when he declared: "High termination rates are probably the biggest unexposed issue in life assurance."

In his submission to the Blunden (Blunder?) Committee, Carsberg also argued that clients with deposits or obsolete savings accounts should be "notified in writing" of the rates available as and when preferable products are introduced. But, alas, "best advice" would appear to have no place in *Good Banking* and, when it comes to "best interest rates", *the call for written notification* merely heralds information being "freely available and accessible".

Nor is Carsberg (or anyone *else) unduly impressed with the* promise that pre-notification of charges (already practised by the TSB and the NatWest) will be rushed in by end-December *1996. Little wonder that* Carsberg has decided to strike up a direct dialogue with the banks and building societies. Good Thinking about *Good Banking.*

Playing the power game

☐ AS MANY wars have been started by accident as have been *triggered by unilateral aggression.* Like the Great Powers in 1914, the power generators and the electricity watchdog would prefer to avoid a fight, but are apparently unable to resolve the conflict by diplomacy.

Stephen Littlechild, of the Office of Electricity Regulation, had *once planned his review of the* generation market, dominated by National Power and PowerGen with almost 60 per cent between them, for 1995. Last summer, he shifted the deadline to the end of 1993, effectively ahead of the Christmas break.

That deadline passed uneasily, and the unease prompted what may be Professor Littlechild's worst diplomatic error so far. He said he was of a mind not to refer *the two generators to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission,* so holstering his weapon of last resort. In return, he wanted assurances on the price of *electricity to the customer until a* more competitive market could be achieved and on the steps the two would take to import that additional competition by the voluntary sale of some existing power stations to third parties.

On price, what the big industrial users want is analogous to a fixed-interest mortgage. They are looking for contracts whereby *they guarantee they will take a* certain amount of power over a number of years in return for a guaranteed price over that period. Fair enough; but the gen*erators, like any provider of the* analogous mortgage, would thereby have to take on some degree of risk or at least restriction of profits, given the wild gyrations of prices in the pool, the open market for electricity, and this they are understandably unhappy to do. The big users say such contracts are available but, to stretch the analogy further, they tend to be on prices that equate to a 20 per cent fixed *interest rate.*

The key word in any assurances on plant sales is voluntary. Enforced sales at stated prices would be anathema to the gen*erators: but in a free market for* power stations they would presumably be allowed to set their prices at unrealistically high levels.

At the second week of February and counting, negotiations are still bogged down on these two contradictions but there are signs that Professor Littlechild, mindful of the damange to his *credibility if the debate goes on* much longer, may be putting his own firm terms to the generators. They would then have to take them or trigger that MMC *reference that neither side wants* to see.

It's surely not beyond our Ken

☐ THIS NEWSPAPER wrote it first — that the low paid have been hardest hit by the Government's tax reforms. "Piffle", responded the Chancellor initially, never failing to prefer a glib *comment to any resemblance of* intellectual depth.

Now the impeccably independent Institute for Fiscal Studies adds another layer to the debate, *pointing out that the tax system* has become more unfair over the last decade. "I haven't read the *report,"* wails Mr Clarke on radio to breakfasting Britain. This is hardly credible. A Chancellor, with the Bank behind him and all the resources of the *Treasury at his beck and call,* caught unbriefed in Paris? Or would they say *sans culottes?*

Really, this isn't good enough. Mr Clarke may feel that his responsibilities in bolstering the Prime Minister take precedence to his hand on the tiller of the Great British Economy. A quarter-point off base rates here; a quick meeting with finance ministers there; and let's get on with the business of politics. Yesterday's foreign exchange performance showed what the markets *made of that.*

But when is he going to talk in numbers? When is he going to forsake his old friends in the political lobby in favour of the economists? The admirable Mr Dorrell is holding the fort, but where is the admirable Mr Clarke? Surely he feels confident enough of his brief by now?

One senior City financier recalls the Chancellor within weeks of his appointment lecturing *a meeting of businessmen* with little attempt to establish a rapport. The impression left was not good. The City is right to expect its conversations with the *man from the Treasury to be* two-way. Mr Clarke, are you listening?

JOHN MANNING



Gary Pettet and David Bruce, of Grosvenor Inns, owner of Slug & Lettuce pubs, toast a £5.2 million rights issue, for expansion, and half-year pre-tax profits 12 per cent up at £358,000

Standard Chartered acts over MG rescue

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

STANDARD Chartered, the international banking group, has issued a legal challenge to the DM3.4 billion rescue plan for Metallgesellschaft (MG), the German metals and engineering group that suffered huge losses on oil hedging deals that turned bad last year.

Actual and potential losses of DM2.2 billion, arising from futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, were uncovered in December.

Although creditor banks agreed to the rescue package, Standard has has applied for a temporary restraining order over the deal with a New York court.

Standard's legal move is specifically against MG Corp, the American arm of the the German group, which was responsible for the hedging deals. A New York judge is expected to give Standard Chartered its temporary injunction in the next few days.

The bank's claims on MG are believed to be for about $28 million.

Open skies hurdle for BA deal

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

BRITISH Airways' US expansion plans could hit a major snag next month as pessimism grows over the current UK-US international aviation talks on open skies, where agreement is not expected to meet next month's deadline.

An acceptable new Bermuda II pact is important if BA is to increase its stake in USAir, its American associate, and *continue* flying BA-USAir integrated routes, where US regulatory approval expires on March 17.

Ronald Allen, chairman of Delta Airlines, told the British American Business Group yesterday that months of negotiations leave "little room for optimism" that the talks will produce an acceptable agreement by the current deadline of mid-March.

Meanwhile, USAir, whose losses narrowed last year from $1.2 billion to $393 million, announced on Tuesday that it has cut fares on US routes used heavily by business travellers by 50 per cent and on leisure services by as much as 70 per cent.

Lloyds Abbey Life payout softens profits blow

BY SARAH BAGNALL INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ While unit trust sales and single premium sales increased during the year the higher profit regular premium life products fell by 2 per cent

LLOYDS Abbey Life, the insurance group 60 per cent owned by Lloyds Bank, yesterday softened the blow of worse than expected full-year profits with an unexpected lift in its final dividend.

Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 rose 9 per cent to £323.6 million, failing to match analysts' forecasts. The shares dropped 15p to 447p, but the fall was contained by a surprise lift in the final dividend from 11p to 11.7p, making a total for the year of 18p, compared with 17.3p last time.

Black Horse Financial Services, a "bankassurance" company that sells products exclusively to Lloyds Bank customers, advanced post-tax profits by 6 per cent to £80.9 million, helped by continued strong growth in single premium business.

However, profits at Abbey Life, the group's other UK life assurance operation that principally sells through a direct sales force, suffered a 7 per cent slump in profits to £93.3 million. Stephen Maran, the chief executive, said: "The fall was mainly caused by the effect of lower interest rates on capital and retained surpluses."

Offsetting the lacklustre performance of the life operations were improvements at Lloyds Bank Insurance Services, Lloyds Bowmaker and Black Horse Agencies, the estate agency chain.

Roman Czdyn, an analyst at Smith New Court, said: "The wrong bits of the group made the profits. Lloyds Bowmaker and the estate agency chain improved, but the high quality life business didn't."

The life operations experienced another year of depressed *regular premium* sales coupled with strong single premium sales.

Black Horse Financial Services's single premium sales increased sharply, helped by a more than doubling in unit trust sales, while Abbey Life's single premiums sales advanced 34 per cent and its unit trust sales rose 67 per cent. Conversely, Abbey Life's regular premium sales fell 2 per cent.

The mix of the business affects profits as "single premium business is about a *tenth as profitable as regular* premium business." Mr Maran said.

Vernon Partridge, an analyst at Williams de Broë, said: *"The problem with the life* sector is that the industry cannot sell products and cannot get the growth in new business.

"The main engine for profits is new business growth. On the whole, sectors and companies do not outperform the market when their sales are *stagnating."*

Trans Leben, the group's German life subsidiary, continued to make losses. Provisions for irrecoverable advances to brokers and associated policy lapses led to a £14.5 million loss, compared with a loss of £14.1 million last time.

The continued losses at Trans Leben demanded a disproportionate amount of management attention. A situation that Mr Maran said was inevitable as "brackets round a number always get a lot of management time".

The group shrugged off the move by Marks and Spencer, *the retailer, into the life and* pensions market, saying that it did not expect any impact on the group's business. Mr Maran agreed, adding that *business does not tend to walk* through the door. "But it will be very interesting to see if their powerful branding will bring customers into their *stores to buy products,"* he said.

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Sturge hunt for chief executive

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Coleridge, former chairman of Lloyd's of London, is to wind down his involvement at Sturge Holdings, the Lloyd's underwriting agent.

He told the annual meeting that Sturge was actively seeking a group chief executive. He said: "I have been chairman since 1978. I was due to retire aged 60 *and in June will be* two years past my sell-by date."

Mr Coleridge said that once a chief executive had been appointed he would reduce his involvement, effectively becoming non-executive chairman.

Shareholders were told that the total capacity for those Sturge syndicates trading on *this year had risen from* £520 million to £665 million. About 9 per cent of the 1994 capacity is provided by the new corporate capital companies.

In 1992, the group's total capacity topped the £1 billion mark, falling 30 per cent to £725 million in 1993. The fall to this year's level reflects the *group's reduction in the num*ber of syndicates from 22 to 15.

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Americans snap up Rolls-Royce shares amid merger talk

STOCK MARKET

AMERICAN investors were snapping up shares in **Rolls-Royce**, the aerospace group, in late trading amid claims it is about to merge with Pratt & Whitney, its big US rival.

Almost 4.5 million shares changed hands yesterday as the price put in a late advance to close 7½p higher at 182½p. Rolls-Royce says it never comments on market rumours.

Only last week, Pratt & Whitney pipped Roll-Royce to a contract to supply Japan Airlines with engines for its new fleet of Boeing 777 passenger aircraft. Talk of a merger between the two companies is not new and has been treated with scepticism by brokers in London.

However, it comes at a particularly sensitive time for national pride after BMW, the German carmaker, recently snapped up Rover.

Turnover in R-R shares might have been higher, but American investors could have been deterred by the limit on the number of shares that foreigners may hold. At the last count, foreigners held about 25 per cent of R-R, compared with the Government limit of 29.9 per cent.

For the rest of the equity market, it was a day of retrenchement. Prices fell sharply in early trading after a futures-led sell-off and renewed bond market weakness. This week's quarter-point reduction in base rates to 5¼ per cent has made little impact.

The FT-SE 100 index, down 36.5 points around midday, closed off the bottom, helped by another firm start on Wall Street. It ended 11.1 points down at 3,429.1, with a total of 912 million shares traded.

There was selective support for leaders, with **Arjo Wiggins Appleton** adding 12p at 296p after the announcement that Stora, its European rival, had increased pulp paper prices. **Cadbury Schweppes** was another firm spot, rising 10p to 518p, as was **Reed**, 6p better at 941p.

The drinks sector was unsettled by beer prices cuts in America. **Bass** lost 7p at 548p, **Greenalls** 6p at 463p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 7p at 533p, **Vaux Group** 5p at 288p, **Allied-Lyons** 11p at 616p, **Grand Metropolitan** 8p at 461p and **Guinness** 8p at 513p.

Lloyds Abbey Life fell 16p to 446p on profit-taking after weighing in with a 9 per cent increase in pre-tax profits last year to £323.6 million. **Lloyds Bank**, reporting tomorrow, advanced 7p to 613p.

Reuters rose 42p to £20.13 on the back of a positive meeting with brokers after this week's profits news and share split. Last night, the company gave a briefing in New York. **Westland**, the helicopter maker, jumped a further 23p to 330p after formally rejecting the near £500 million bid from **GKN**, down 16p at 566p. Westland said the bid lacked strategic logic and failed to value prospects under the existing management, with order books currently running at £1.4 billion.

GKN has already agreed to buy an 18.7 per cent stake in Westland, owned by United Technologies, which will increase its total holding to almost 50 per cent of the shares in issue.

Granada firmed 1p to 569p after reporting an overall advance in first-quarter trading. Alex Bernstein, chairman, told the annual meeting that the television rental business was ahead of last year and Granada TV was benefiting from cost cuts. Earlier this week Granada raised its terms for **LWT (Holdings)**, valuing the bid at £776 million. LWT eased 2p to 735p.

Blockleys, the brickmaker, continued to benefit from speculative buying, with a rise of 2p at 88p after briefly touching 93p. But Michael Gwynne, a director, repeated Monday's statement that he knew of no reason for the rise in the share price.

First-time dealings in **Coda Group** got off to a confident start. Placed at 235p by Warburg Securities, the broker, the shares opened at 253p before ending the day at 265p, a premium of 30p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts extended Tuesday's after-hours slide, *sustaining* further losses in a volatile day's trading. Stocks suffered losses across the board, extending to half a point among longer dated securities.

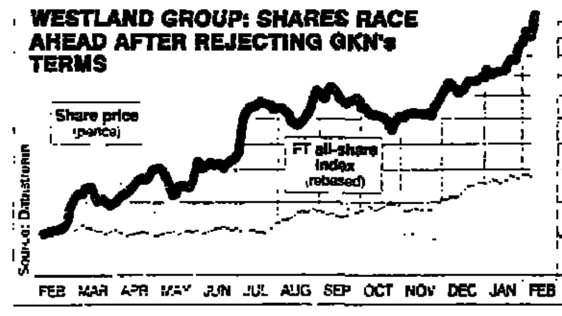
Some early selling saw the March Long Gilt future touch a low of £115¹/₃₂ before receiving a boost from upward movements in the Bund and American markets.

After a volatile session, it finished 11 ticks lower at £115²⁹/₃₂, on active volume of 177,000 contracts.

Among cash stocks, Treasury 9½ per cent 1991 eased £⅛ to £114⁹/₃₂, while at the longer end, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 lost £½ to £122⁷/₁₆.

MICHAEL CLARK

WESTLAND GROUP: SHARES RACE AHEAD AFTER REJECTING GKN's TERMS



MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4608 (+0.0094)
German mark	2.5696 (+0.0254)
Exchange index	80.8 (-0.7)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3429.1 (-11.1)
Dow Jones	3922.07 (+16.04)*
Nikkei Avg	19841.38 (-409.85)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5¼%
3-month Interbank	5⅛-5¼%
US Federal Funds	3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.26-3.23%*
Long Bond	6.44%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.4623*	£ $	1.4619
$ DM	1.7580*	£ DM	2.5699
$ SWfr	1.4755*	£ SWfr	2.1544
$ Ffr	5.9645*	£ Ffr	8.7180
$ Yen	107.85*	£ Yen	157.52
£ SDR	1.0729	£ ECU	1.3219

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 380.75 PM 380.75
Close 381.85-382.35
New York:
Comex 381.85-382.35*

OIL

Brent Crude $13.55 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.9 Dec (1.9%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	1.99
Austria Sch	19.13	17.63
Belgium Fr	56.36	51.96
Canada $	2.081	1.921
Cyprus Cyp£	0.802	0.752
Denmark Kr	10.64	9.84
Finland Mkk	8.96	8.16
France Fr	9.20	8.50
Germany Dm	2.73	2.52
Greece Dr	392.50	367.50
Hong Kong $	12.03	11.03
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2584.00	2429.00
Japan Yen	173.50	156.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	3.040	2.810
Norway Kr	11.69	10.89
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.50
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	216.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	12.37	11.57
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	26843.0	25343.0
USA $	1.567	1.437

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Kwik-Fit expands in tyre fitting

Kwik-Fit is to expand its tyre and exhaust fitting business by taking a 70 per cent stake in Town & Country Tyre Service, the UK's biggest mobile car tyre fitting company.

Kwik-Fit also plans to open 50 new outlets and refurbish and upgrade a number of existing properties.

It has arranged the sale and leaseback of 20 properties for £10.25 million with Dukeminster, a property investment company.

Frogmore buys

FROGMORE Estates has acquired Inverforth House and Inverforth Close, a residential scheme in Hampstead Heath, London, in conjunction with Pamlion Properties. Frogmore has also bought an office building in Stevenage, Herts. Together the deals total nearly £10 million.

Impala repeat

Impala Platinum, part of the Gencor group of South Africa, is maintaining its interim dividend at 45 cents after reporting attributable net earnings of 134 cents (136 cents) a share for the six months to December 31. The group does not expect second half results to match those of the first half.

Quebec cut

QUEBEC, the Canadian province worst hit by cigarette smuggling from America, was forced to slash its tobacco taxes this week to prevent highly organised crime securing a permanent hold on illicit cross-border trade. André Bourbeau, the Quebec finance minister, said in London yesterday that the contraband trade, mainly brands produced in Canada and officially exported to America, cost the government about C$400 million (£205 million) a year. The cut brings the price of a carton down to C$22.5.

Owners Abroad slumps to £5.8m

By Susan Gilchrist

THE full financial impact of a turbulent 12 months for Owners Abroad, Britain's second biggest holiday company, emerged yesterday as the group revealed a sharp fall in profits.

Pre-tax profits slumped to £5.8 million for the year to October 31 against £25.5 million last time, hit by a £12 million exceptional charge. This included £4.9 million to cover the costs of its successful defence against a hostile bid from Airtours and the subsequent Takeover Panel enquiry. It also covered a £1.5 million provision to pay off former directors, who were forced to leave after a profits warning last summer. A revaluation of three Spanish holiday apartment complexes also resulted in a £3.8 million provision.

The final dividend is reduced from 2.5p to 2.1p, making an unchanged total for the year of 3.5p against a promise of a 43 per cent increase made by the former board during the bid. Owners' share price jumped 20p to 120p.

Francis Baron, who came in as chief executive in November, said Owners' profits were also adversely affected by the heavy discounting required to fend off aggressive directional selling by retail outlets owned by its competitors. Owners, whose brands include Sovereign, Sunmed and Falcon, saw its share of the British holiday market fall from 16 per cent to 14 per cent. Bookings for summer 1994 have picked up after disastrous pre-Christmas sales, when prices set by the former management were found to be up to 10 per cent higher than its competitors.

Owners has taken 100 per cent control of International Travel Holdings, Canada's largest tour operator, in which it held a 25 per cent stake. The purchase price will not be material.

JOHN MANNING



Malcolm Heald, finance director, left, and Francis Baron

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Dow rally continues in early trade

New York — Wall Street shares, bolstered by strength in high technology and cyclical issues and a steady bond market, extended their rally into midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 16.04 points at 3,922.07. Advancing issues led declining shares by 11 to eight. US treasuries were unchanged to higher, with the long bond up ⁵/₃₂ to yield 6.44 per cent. Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp, said: "With every passing moment, the confidence in our market is recovering."

☐ **Tokyo** — Heavy selling of high-technology, export-oriented blue chips by brokers and domestic institutions sent Tokyo shares plummeting, brokers said. Many investors were disappointed by the size of tax cuts announced by the Government, they added. The Nikkei average ended at 19,841.38, down 409.85 points.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed firmer, but off highs as anticipation of more buying evaporated and late position-squaring erased earlier gains. The Hang Seng index closed up 49.87 points at 11,504.03 in half-day trading before the Lunar New Year festival, which closes the market for the rest of the week. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Feb 9 midday	Feb 8 close
AMP Inc	62'	62
AMR Corp	69'	69'
Abbott Labs	29'	29'
Aetna Life	62'	61'
Ahmanson (HF)	17'	17'
Air Prod & Chem	49'	48'
Albertson's	27	27
Alcan Aluminum	24'	24'
Alco Standard	56'	56'
Allied Signal	79'	77'
Alum Co of Am	79'	79'
Amax Gold Inc	6'	6'
Amerada Hess	47'	47'
Amer Brands	34'	34'
Amer Cyanamid	48'	48'
Amer El Power	34'	34
Amer Express	30'	30'
Amer Genl Corp	27'	27'
Amer Home Pr	62	61'
Amer Intl	89'	88'
Amer Stores	44'	43'
Amer T & T	54'	54'
Ameritech	41'	40'
Amoco	53'	54
Anheuser-Busch	47'	48
Apple Computer	35'	35'
Archer Daniels	26'	26'
Arkla	8'	8'
Armco	6'	6'
Armstrng Wrld	53'	54
Asarco	25'	25'
Ashland Oil	38	37'
Atl Richfield	110'	110'
Auto Data Pro	52'	52'
Avery Dennison	29'	29'
Avon Products	54'	55'
Baker Hughes	19'	20'
Baltim Gas & El	23'	23'
Banc One	36'	36'
BankAmerica	43'	42'
Bank of NY	53'	53'
Bankers Tr NY	83	83
Barnett Banks	40'	40'
Bausch & Lomb	52'	52'
Baxter Intl	23'	23'
Becton Dickson	35'	35'
Bell Atlantic	54'	54
BellSouth	59'	59'
Black & Decker	19'	19'
Block (H&R)	46	44'
Boeing	43'	43'
Boise Cascade	26'	26
Borden Inc	15	14'
Bristol Myrs Sq	56'	56'
Browning Ferris	28'	29'
Brunswick	20	19'
Burlington Nthn	63	63
CBS	314'	313'
CNA Financial	79	77'
CPC Intl	47'	47'
CSX	90	90'
Campbell Soup	37'	37'
Can Pacific	17'	17'
Cptl Cities ABC	675'	673'
Cptl Holdings	33'	33'
Carolina Pwr	28'	28'
Caterpillar	108'	108
Central & SW	28'	27'
Champion Intl	32'	32'
Chase Manhat	33'	33'
Chemical Bk	37'	36'
Chevron Corp	92'	91'
Chrysler	61'	62'
Chubb Corp	77'	77'
Cigna Corp	68'	67'
Citicorp	41'	41
Clorox	52'	52
Coastal Corp	32'	32
Coca Cola	40'	40'
Colgate-Palmolive	61'	61'
Columbia Gas	24'	24'
Commonw Ed	27'	27
Compaq Comp	88'	87'
Comp Ass Int	37'	37'
Conagra	26	25'
Cons Edison	30'	30'
Cons Nat Gas	44'	44'
Cons Rail	62'	62'
Cooper Inds	40'	39'
Corning Inc	31'	31'
Crown Cork	39'	38'
Dana Corp	59'	59'
Dayton Hudson	66'	66'
Deere	81'	81'
Delta Air Lines	53'	54
Deluxe Corp	35'	35
Detroit Edison	28'	28'
Digital Equip	30'	30
Dillard Dept St	34'	34'
Disney (Walt)	45'	45'
Dominion Res	42'	41'
Donelley (RR)	31	30'
Dover Corp	60	60
Dow Chemical	63'	63'
Dow Jones	39'	39'
Dresser	22'	22'
Duke Power	40'	39'
Dun & Bradstreet	62'	62'
Du Pont	54'	54'
Eastman Kodak	43'	43'

	Feb 9 midday	Feb 8 close
Eaton Corp	60'	59'
Emerson Elec	65'	64'
Engelhard Corp	24'	24'
Enron Corp	33'	34
Ethyl Corp	18'	18'
Exxon	65'	65'
FMC Corp	48'	48'
FPL Group	35'	35'
Federal Express	76'	76'
Fed Nat Mtge	85'	84'
First Chicago	47	47'
First Interstate	66'	66
First Union Rty	9'	9'
Fleet Finl Grp	34'	34'
Fluor Corp	46	45
Ford Motor	69'	69'
GTE Corp	33'	33'
Gannett	54'	54
Gap Inc Del	41'	41'
Gen Dynamics	94'	94'
Gen Electric	108'	107
Gen Mills	58'	57'
Gen Motors	64'	64'
Gen Reinsurance	109'	108'
Gen Signal	35'	35'
Genuine Parts	37'	37'
Georgia Pac	75	75'
Gillette	59'	60
Glaxo ADR	19'	19'
Goodrich (BF)	41'	41'
Goodyear Tire	48'	47'
Grace (W&R)	46'	45'
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24'	23'
Great Wstn Fin	17'	17'
Halliburton	32'	33'
Harcourt General	34'	34'
Heinz (HJ)	33	33'
Hercules	110	109'
Hershey Foods	48'	48'
Hewlett Packard	84'	83
Hilton Hotels	69'	69'
Home Depot	39'	39
Homestake Mng	21'	21'
Honeywell	33'	33'
Household Intl	34'	34'
Houston Inds	45'	45'
Humana	21'	21'
ITT Corp	100	99'
Illinois Tool	41'	41'
INCO	27'	27'
Ingersoll Rand	39'	39'
Inland Steel	35'	35
Intel Corp	63'	63'
IBM	53'	53'
Intl Flav & Fr	37'	37'
Intl Paper	75'	76
James River Va	19'	19'
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41'	42'
K Mart	19	19
Kellogg	50'	51'
Kerr-McGee	47'	47'
Kimberly-Clark	56'	56
Knight-Ridder	56'	55'
Lilly (Eli)	57'	58'
Limited Inc	17'	17
LIN Brdcstng	114	113'
Lincoln Nat	39'	39'
Litton	68	67'
Liz Claiborne	20'	20'
Lockheed Corp	65'	65
Louisiana Pac	46	45'
MCI Commun	27'	27'
Marriott Int	30'	29'
Marsh & McLnn	82'	82'
Masco Corp	37'	37'
May Dept St	39'	39'
Maytag Corp	17'	17'
McCaw Cellular	52	52'
McDonalds	59'	59'
McDonnell D	115'	115'
McGraw Hill	68'	66'
Mead Corp	46'	46
Medtronic	86'	86
Mellon Bk	53'	54
Melville Corp	38'	38'
Merck Inc	34'	34'
Merrill Lynch	42'	41'
Minnesota Mine	106'	105'
Mobil Corp	80'	80'
Monsanto	79'	79
Morgan (JP)	68'	68'
Motorola Inc	101'	100'
Natl Medical	15'	15'
Natl Semi	19'	19'
Natl Service Ind	27'	27
Navistar Int	24'	24'
NBD Bancorp	29'	29'
NY Times A	30'	30'
Newmont Mng	52	51'
Niag Mohawk	19	18'
Nike B	50'	50'
NL Industries	9	8
Nordstrom	34'	34
Norfolk Sthrn	69'	70'
Nthn State Pwr	42'	42'
Norwest Corp	25'	25
Nynex Corp	38'	38'
Occidental Pet	18'	18'
Ohio Edison	21'	21
Oracle Systems	32'	32'

	Feb 9 midday	Feb 8 close
Oryx Energy Co	18'	19'
Owens Corning	43'	43'
PNC Financial	29'	28'
PPG Industries	80'	79'
Paccar Inc	58'	57'
Pacificorp	19	17'
Pac Enterprises	23'	22'
Pac Gas & Elect	31'	31'
Pac Telesis	54'	54'
Pall Corp	17'	17'
Panhandle East	25'	25
Paramnt Comm	77'	76'
Parker Hannifin	36	36'
Penney (JC)	52'	52
Pennzoil	55	54'
Pepsico	38'	38'
Pfizer	59'	59'
Phelps Dodge	56'	56'
Philadel Elec	29'	29'
Philip Morris	59'	58'
Phillips Pet	27'	29'
Pitney Bowes	44'	44
Polaroid	32'	32'
PriceCostco	17'	17'
Procter & Gmbl	57'	57
Pub Serv E & G	30'	30'
Quaker Oats	63'	63'
Ralston Purina	42'	43
Raychem Corp	36'	36
Raytheon	67'	67'
Reebok Intl	32'	32'
Reynolds Metals	53'	54'
Roadway Srvcs	70	69'
Rockwell Intl	42	41'
Rohm & Haas	58'	58'
Royal Dutch	107'	106
Rubbermaid	31'	31'
Safeco Corp	57	57'
St Paul's Cos	82'	84
Salomon Inc	48'	48'
Santa Fe Pac	24'	24'
Sara Lee Corp	21'	21'
Seecorp	19	18'
Schering Plough	59'	60'
Schlumberger	58'	58'
Scott Paper	44'	45
Seagram	29	28'
Sears Roebuck	48'	47'
Shell Trans	64	63'
Sherwin Wllms	34'	33'
Skyline Corp	20	20'
Snap-On-Tools	41'	41'
Southern Co	41'	41'
Sthwestern Bell	38'	38'
Sprint Corp	37'	37
Stanley Works	43'	43'
Sun Company	30'	30'
Sun Microsys	25'	25'
Suntrust	45'	45
Supervalu	39	38'
Syntex Corp	13'	13'
Sysco Corp	27'	27'
TRW Inc	75	73'
Tandem Comp	12'	12'
Tandy Corp	45'	45'
Telecom Corp	3'	3'
Teledyne	22'	22
Temple Inland	50'	50'
Tenneco	58'	57'
Texaco	66'	66'
Texas Inst	74'	73'
Texas Utilities	38	37'
Textron	58'	59'
Time Warner	38'	39'
Times-Mirror	35	34'
Timken	36'	36
Torchmark	46'	46'
Toys R Us	35'	35'
Transamerica	53	52'
Travelers	39'	39'
Tribune	57	57'
Tyco Labs	53'	54'
UAL Corp	144'	144'
UST Inc	29	28'
USX Marathon	17'	17'
Unilever NV	118'	117'
Union Camp	49'	48'
Union Carbide	25'	25'
Union Pacific	63'	63'
Unisys Corp	14'	14'
USAir Group	13'	14'
USF&G Corp	15'	15'
US Life	40	38'
US West	42	41'
United Tech	66	65'
Unocal Corp	29'	29'
Upjohn	29'	29'
VF Corp	46'	45'
WMX Tech	24'	28'
Wal-Mart Stores	27'	26'
Warner-Lambert	64'	65'
Wells Fargo	131	129'
Westinghouse El	14'	14'
Weyerhaeuser	47'	48'
Whirlpool	68'	68'
Whitman	15'	15'
Winn Dixie	49'	48'
Woolworth	24'	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44'	44'
Xerox	95'	95'

RECENT ISSUES

Baring Emrg Euro	72'	-'
Baring Emrg Eur Wts	40'	+'
Coda (235)	265	..
Compursd Fin Sols (90)	148	-10
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	97	..
For & Col Smaller (100)	119'	
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	..
Friends Prov Uts (120)	126	..
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	..
Kwort Euro Pt (50)	43'	..
Kwort Euro Pt Wrt	43	...
Pantheon Warrants	83	...
Rossmont (10)	12	...
Slimma (120)	142	-4
Thornton Pan Eurp Wts	13'	-'
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51'	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	..
Berisford n/p (120)	12	..
Carlisle n/p (11)	16	-
Crest Nicholson n/p (95)	23	-1
Stanley Leis n/p (275)	39	..
Utility Cable n/p (30)	21	-1
Worthington n/p (?)	11	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
J Laing	423p (+14p)	Ryl Bank of Scot	488p (-11p)
ADT	715p (+25p)	SG Warburg	970p (-10p)
Shell	731p (+12½p)	Allied-Lyons	616p (-11p)
Arjo Wiggins	296p (+12p)	Redland	619p (-12p)
J Cropper	417p (+13p)	GKN	566p (-16p)
Lambert	398p (+23p)	GUS	588p (-10p)
Oxford Inst	356p (+11p)	Lloyds Chem	345p (-11p)
Cadbury-Schwe	518p (+10p)	BICC	454p (-14p)
Owners Abroad	120p (+20p)	Johnson Fry	398p (-15p)
Yorkshire TV	310p (+12p)		
Adscene	315p (+25p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	5,700	MEPC	1,200	Sct Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	7,500	Caradon	1,900	Marks Spr	4,100	Sears	7,000
Allied-Lyons	2,700	Carlton C	1,400	NFC	1,400	Svrn Trent	2,200
Anglian W	512	Coats Viyla	5,700	NatWest Bk	13,000	Shell Trans	6,900
Argyll Gp	4,300	Cm Union	1,200	Nat Power	3,200	Siebe	2,600
Arjo Wiggins	4,200	Courtaulds	1,000	Nth Wst W	644	SmKl Bch	2,300
Ass Br Foods	[illegible]	Enterprise Oil	2,200	Nthrn Fds	1,100	Smith Nph	2,900
BAA	[illegible]	Forte	2,900	P & O	1,300	Sthrn Elec	[illegible]
BAT Inds	5,300	GRE	1,200	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	[illegible]
BOC	1,600	GUS	496	PowerGen	3,700	Sun Alliance	694
BP	12,000	Gen Acc	629	Prudential	7,500	TI Gp	777
BTR	5,400	Gen Elec	2,800	RMC	919	TSB	6,300
BT	9,600	Glaxo	5,400	RTZ	3,400	Tesco	[illegible]
Bk of Scot	2,600	Granada	3,000	Rank Org	1,800	Thames W	[illegible]
Barclays	17,000	Grand Met	4,600	Reckitt Col	135	Thrn EMI	504
Bass	1,700	Guinness	3,500	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	4,000
Blue Circle	1,700	HSBC	10,000	Reed Intl	1,900	Unilever	1,400
Boots	[illegible]	Hanson	13,000	Rentokil	1,600	Utd Bisc	2,700
Bowater	[illegible]	ICI	1,100	Reuters	2,900	Vodafone	2,100
Brit Aero	1,200	Inchcape	994	Rolls Royce	4,700	Whitbread	[illegible]
Brit Airways	5,300	Kingfisher	903	Ryl Ins	2,200	Wellcome	2,500
Brit Gas	4,500	Ladbroke	6,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,300	Williams Hd	517
Brit Steel	7,300	Land Secs	1,900	Sainsbury	4,800	Wolseley	424
Burmah Castrl	492	Legal & Gn	1,000	Schroders	55	Zeneca	700
Cable Wire	7,500	Lloyds Bk	6,100	Scot & New	1,000		

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday): Dow Jones 3922.07 (+16.04); S&P Composite 472.47 (+1.41)
Tokyo: Nikkei Avge 19841.38 (-409.85)
Hong Kong: Hang Seng 11504.03 (+49.87)
Amsterdam: EOE Index [illegible]
Sydney: AO [illegible]
Frankfurt: DAX [illegible]
FT 30 share: [illegible]
Brussels: General [illegible]
Paris: CAC-40 [illegible]
Zurich: SKA Gen [illegible]
London: FT-A All-Share [illegible]; FT-500 [illegible]; FT Gold Mines [illegible]; FT Fixed Interest [illegible]; FT Govt Secs [illegible]; Bargains [illegible]; SEAQ Volume [illegible]; USM (Datastream) [illegible]

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealing	Last Dealing	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Call options were taken out on 9/2/94. [illegible]

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3421.0	3435.0	3392.0	3430.0	22137
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	3442.0	3446.0	3442.0	3444.5	202
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.77	94.79	94.73	94.79	14070
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	94.91	94.94	94.90	94.94	27457
	Sep 94	94.95	94.95	94.94	94.97	12575
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	503
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.25	94.37	94.25	94.31	29995
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	94.66	94.75	94.66	94.75	56499
Long Gilt	Mar 94	115-21	116-03	115-01	115-29	174226
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	115-02	115-10	114-15	[illegible]	3021
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.50	114.94	114.00	114.78	2048
	Jun 94	113.72	113.73	113.64	113.63	80
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	242316
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4520
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1125
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2141
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	941
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3946
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3570
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Jun 94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

Calls / Puts — Series Apr Jul Oct; Series Feb May Aug; Series Mar Jun Sep. [illegible]

FT-SE INDEX [illegible]

February 9, 1994 Tot: [illegible] Call: [illegible] Put: [illegible] FT-SE Call: [illegible] Put: [illegible]

*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The precious metals remain relatively subdued in a post Fed rate hike state of shock. The Far East market lacks activity, but there is much debate as to whether the bull market will continue. The answer depends on whether the US's move has prevented inflationary expectations from entering the market, and therefore means that US interest rates will not have to rise so high.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE — COCOA; ROBUSTA COFFEE ($); NO 7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm); WHITE SUGAR (FOB) [illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES — WHEAT (close £/t); BARLEY (close £/t); HIPRO SOYA (close £/t); POTATO; RUBBER No 1 RSS Cif (p/k) [illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION [illegible]

LONDON MEAT FUTURES Live Pig (c/kg) [illegible]

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Bearish US stock figures combined with unsold prompt cargoes drove the market much lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB): Brent Physical; Brent 15 day (Feb); Brent 15 day (Mar); W Texas Intermediate (Mar); W Texas Intermediate (Apr) [illegible]

PRODUCTS ($/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery): Premium Gas 15; Gasoil EEC; Non EEC 1H Mar; Non EEC 1H Apr; 3.5 Fuel Oil; Naphtha [illegible]

IPE FUTURES GNI Ltd — GAS OIL; BRENT (6.00pm); UNLEADED GASOLINE [illegible]

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt) [illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff (Official) (Volume prev day): Copper Gde A ($/tonne); Lead ($/tonne); Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne); Tin ($/tonne); Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne); Nickel ($/tonne) [illegible]

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.8 (day's range 80.8-81.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8761-2.8986	2.8761-2.8797	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	52.91-53.37	52.91-53.02	3-7ds	14-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9890-10.0550	10.0100-10.0250	¼-1⅞ds	2-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0390-1.0425	1.0392-1.0422	5-9ds	19-25ds
Frankfurt	2.5661-2.5871	2.5661-2.5714	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Lisbon	257.71-260.05	257.71-258.34	90-98ds	281-305ds
Madrid	207.92-209.68	207.92-208.32	59-69ds	178-193ds
Milan	2464.30-2489.30	2464.30-2468.30	5-7ds	18-21ds
Montreal	1.9575-1.9708	1.9630-1.9660	0.27-0.22pr	0.48-0.43pr
New York	1.4600-1.4665	1.4614-1.4624	0.32-0.31pr	0.61-0.58pr
Oslo	11.0480-11.1210	11.0620-11.0770	1-⅛pr	1⅛pr-par
Paris	8.7110-8.7770	8.7110-8.7250	⅛-⅞ds	2⅛-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.7210-11.8050	11.7270-11.7510	1½-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	157.27-158.65	157.38-157.65	1⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.06-18.19	18.07-18.11	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1529-2.1718	2.1529-2.1559	⅛-⅛pr	⅞-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4573-1.4599
Australia dollar	2.0334-2.0362
Bahrain dinar	0.5465-0.5585
Brazil cruzeiro*	705.66-710.33
Cyprus pound	0.763-0.772
Finland marka	8.237-8.353
Greece drachma	367.5-374.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.3235-11.3327
India rupee	45.54-46.50
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4315-0.4415
Malaysia ringgit	4.0310-4.0359
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.5360-2.5400
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4395-5.5635
Singapore dollar	2.3159-2.3170
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5718-6.6302
S Africa rand (com)	5.0172-5.0251
U A E dirham	5.3205-5.4445

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3914-1.3923
Austria	12.36-12.37
Belgium (Com)	36.25-36.29
Canada	1.3400-1.3405
Denmark	6.8470-6.8520
France	5.9713-5.9718
Germany	1.7590-1.7595
Hong Kong	7.7505-7.7515
Ireland	1.4020-1.4060
Italy	1689.5-1690.5
Japan	107.86-107.93
Malaysia	2.7585-2.7605
Netherlands	1.9707-1.9712
Norway	7.5719-7.5739
Portugal	176.60-176.80
Singapore	1.5838-1.5848
Spain	142.55-142.60
Sweden	8.0280-8.0380
Switzerland	1.4760-1.4770

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 5⅛

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs	3.35-3.30	n/a	3.49-3.45	3.66-3.63	4.03-4.00
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.50-380.90 **Close:** $381.85-382.35 **High:** $381.85-382.35 **Low:** $379.60-379.30 **Krugerrand:** $381.50-383.50 (£260.50-262.50)

Sovereigns: Old $89.50-91.50 (£60.50-62.50) **New** $89.50-91.50 (£60.50-62.50)

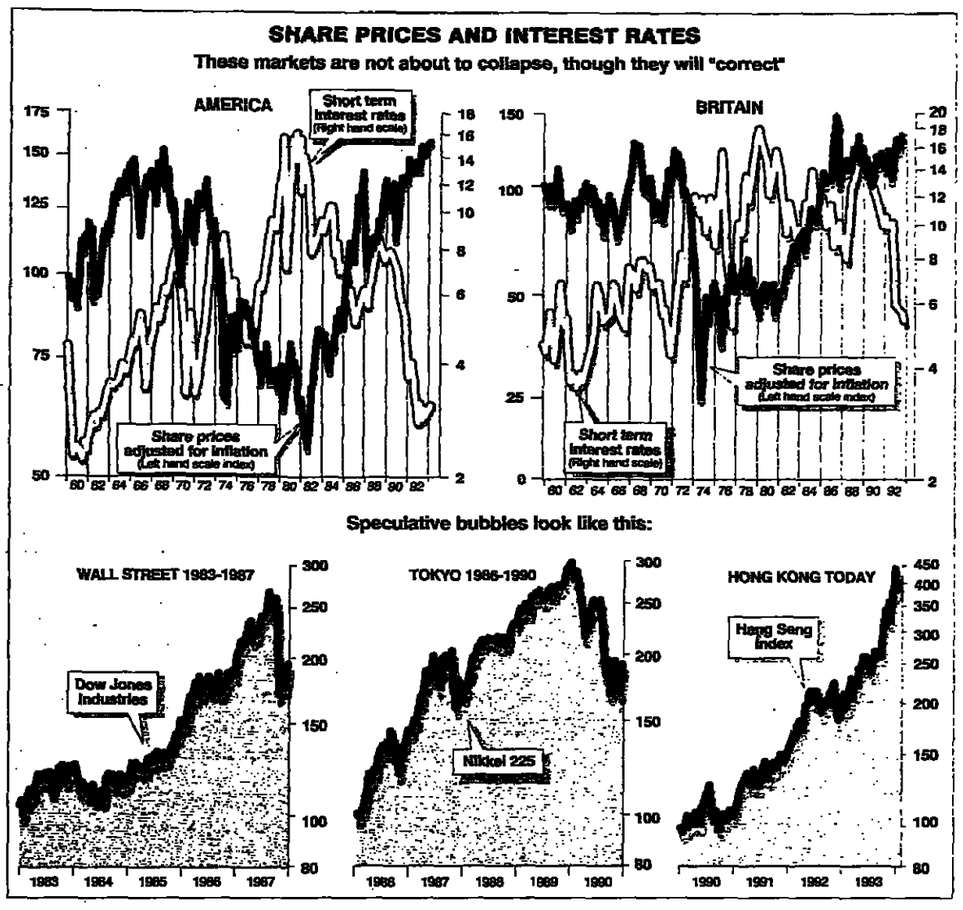
Platinum: $389.50 (£266.70) **Silver:** $5.32 (£3.635) **Palladium:** $130.50 (£89.35)

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Markets need not panic but the Tories might

While interest rates have fallen in Britain, they have risen in America. Anatole Kaletsky considers the knock-on effects of the changes



This week, I will have to deal with two separate, though related, topics. First a word about Tuesday's curious interest rate cut by the Bank of England; then some thoughts on the prospects for world financial markets now that the tide in American monetary policy has turned.

The quarter-point cut went down badly with all the financial markets. This was hardly surprising, given the Bank's quixotic timing and the signs of resistance to any rate cut at all from the Bank. Within hours of Tuesday's tiny step being announced, it emerged that the Bank "would have strongly opposed" a normal half-point rate cut. Translating from officialese, and bearing in mind that Kenneth Clarke was extremely unlikely to have suggested a cut as tiny as a quarter-point of his own accord, the natural conclusion was that Eddie George, the Bank's increasingly assertive Governor, opposed any rate cut. The compromise unveiled this week is unlikely to have satisfied either the Chancellor or the Governor.

Throw in the Bank's cack-handed timing of the announcement and Mr Clarke may finally be starting to understand that he was playing with fire by giving Mr George permission to run a public, political campaign for central bank independence. To have let Mr George off the leash at a time when the Treasury was planning a massive fiscal retrenchment and the economic recovery was still by no means secure was an economic mistake, given the new Governor's record of favouring deflationary monetary policies in almost all circumstances. This was made clear enough by the misjudgment of monetary policy forced on the Chancellor in last November's Budget.

What is less obvious today, but may trouble the Government more in the long run, is the political risk Mr Clarke has taken in opening the can of worms labelled "Independent Bank". The real political risk is quite different from the one usually identified. Everyone realises that changes in interest rates will now be harder to make for party political reasons. But a far greater danger for the Tories in the long run is that the Labour leadership will follow the Liberal Democrats and jump on the independence bandwagon. If Labour decided to endorse central bank independence, the only remaining economic weapon in the Tories' electoral armoury — low inflation — would be rendered useless. For how could the Tories frighten voters about high inflation under a Labour government with an independent central bank?

Quite easily, if historical experience and economic theory were all that mattered. The truth is that an independent central bank can no more prevent a government debauching its currency than King Canute could command the tides. The Tories could point out that inflation is not just a monetary phenomenon, that it is caused by budget deficits, that the Reichsbank of Weimar Germany was formally as independent as today's Bundesbank. But nobody would believe that the Tories knew more about inflation than the Governor of the Bank — not with the whole business and economic establishment extolling the new economic panacea of an independent Bank.

Now for my second subject. The Federal Reserve Board has signalled that American interest rates are rising. What are the implications for stock markets around the world?

My guess, based on experience of Wall Street in the financial mania of the late 1980s, is that a stock market crash on anything like the scale of Black Monday is unlikely in the next year or two, and is virtually out of the question within the next few months — at least in London or New York. (Tokyo, of course, marches to the beat of a very different drummer and now seems poised for a strong rise.)

By contrast, conditions in many of the "emerging markets" of Asia and Latin America are highly speculative and ripe for a collapse. Hong Kong, by far the biggest of these markets, could easily see share prices halve in a matter of months, if not weeks.

The London and New York markets could well see a further decline of 10 per cent or so in the near future, and are almost certain to see such a setback within the next few months, simply because markets never move in straight lines and a significant correction of the pre-Christmas rally is overdue. But taking a slightly longer view, these markets seem reasonably safe for three broad reasons.

First, as shown in the top two charts, neither London nor Wall Street are yet particularly overvalued. Adjusted for inflation, British shares are still below the levels reached in 1987, and no higher than they were in the late 1960s. American shares have been hitting new records, even in real terms. But this hardly seems surprising, given the good prospects for American business and the economy. In relation to average earnings or the growth of gross domestic product, the British stock market is considerably cheaper than it was in the 1960s, while Wall Street is only moderately overpriced. But this very long-term argument begs an obvious question. So what if the markets are no more overvalued today than they were in 1987 and the late 1960s? That may just mean that a crash in the style of 1969, 1974 or 1987 lies ahead.

This leads to my second point. Stock market crashes have normally occurred towards the end of an economic cycle, as inflation accelerates and a monetary tightening threatens to cause a recesssion. The early phase of an economic cycle is often marked by a sharp run-up in stock prices, followed by an equally sharp correction, as American investors found in 1962. But such corrections tend to be quickly reversed.

Another way of seeing this is to note that stock markets do *not* necessarily suffer from rising interest rates, as many analysts seem to believe. Again, the charts tell the story. Bull markets have often coincided with rising interest rates, as in the 1960s and in the late 1970s in Britain. And even when rising interest rates have caused markets to fall, there has usually been a lag of three to six months between interest rates turning and the market making a top. In fact, the stock market often takes off like a rocket soon after interest rates start to rise — for if confidence survives the initial jolt of monetary tightening, investors persuade themselves that the bull market is invincible and throw caution to the winds. In this speculative phase lie the origins of the subsequent crash.

If stock markets start to rise sharply again in the next few weeks, such a crash may indeed lie ahead. But at the moment, even a very sharp correction such as the 20 per cent fall that occurred on Wall Street in 1962, seems unlikely. The run-up in share prices has not been particularly steep so far, despite all the euphoric headlines, and this is the third reason why investors in London and New York can feel tolerably comfortable at present. When a steady ascent such as the one seen since 1990 runs out of steam, it tends to be followed not by a very sharp setback, but by a long period of dull trading. Market averages bob around without much direction, while investors concentrate on "stockpicking", looking for shares that will rise on their own merits, rather than being buoyed up by the market as a whole. That seems a plausible outlook for the main stock markets in America and Europe for the rest of this year.

Turning to emerging markets, we find a very different pattern. As the bottom charts show, the bull market in Hong Kong has been far steeper than Wall Street in the years before 1987 or Tokyo during the "bubble economy". Hong Kong has long displayed classic signs of a financial bubble. Last autumn the final element fell into place. An economic squeeze began in China, and hopes receded of a smooth transition from British rule; but the deteriorating fundamentals seemed only to accelerate the stock market's rise. The bull market entered its "invicible" phase as prices seemed to be borne upwards on a self-perpetuating upward spiral. One sharp external shock is often sufficient to prick this kind of a bubble. Whether the Fed's move last Friday will turn out to be that pinprick remains to be seen, but anyone with money in Hong Kong and other emerging markets might recall an old traders' adage.

Don't panic. But if you do panic, be the first.

TEMPUS

Life in Lloyds' hands

LLOYDS Abbey Life feigns nonchalance about the effect that any compensation scheme for pension transfers might have on its business. But the fact it stopped writing the business altogether last summer suggests it is very uneasy about the outcome of the SIB's review.

Admittedly this class of business only accounts for £433 million of Lloyds Abbey's premiums, but the group's embedded value accounting methods mean that any compensation package which terminated some of these 53,000 policies early could leave a gaping hole in profits.

The group does not need this distraction while the pressure on its regular premium business is under increasing pressure from Pep and Tessa providers as commission transparency looms. Abbey Life is trying to replace its lost regular premium business with single premium products. That is an uphill struggle, since they are only a tenth as profitable.

Such pressures must make Lloyds Abbey feel relieved it still owns Bowmaker, the finance business where profits are recovering sharply as bad debts decline. But even that cannot disguise the harsh climate in the life assurance world. On the positive side, the relative fall in Lloyds Abbey's share price reopens the opportunity for Lloyds Bank to bid for the 40 per cent minority. Lloyds Abbey is now capitalised at £3 billion, compared with Lloyds' £7.9 billion, whereas at one stage the two seemed headed towards parity. It may not be Lloyds' most brilliant strategic coup, but it could be an opportunistic masterstroke since the life assurance industry may presently be laid low but is hardly going to vanish overnight.

Owners Abroad

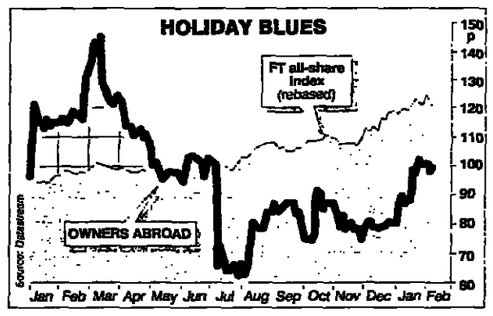
OWNERS' recent history of profit warnings and boardroom blood-baths does not make attractive reading, but on this occasion, the City has been forgiving about past sins since the future looks so promising.

The feared black hole in the accounts has failed to materialise and the group still has cash resources of £100 million. Despite all last year's difficulties and a pegged dividend Owners still emerged with a net cash inflow, demonstrating the underlying strength of the business.

Owners's strategic alliance with Thomas Cook and LTU reduces its vulnerability to directional selling by retail outlets owned by its rivals — a practice currently under investigation by the Office of Fair Trading. But even if the OFT takes no action, Francis Baron, chief executive, has not ruled out further moves towards vertical integration.

Although Mr Baron comes from outside the industry he is proving he has the necessary flair and experience to turn the group round. He has restored market share and his moves towards rationalising the many brands and developing new marketing strategies should push it higher still. The newly acquired Canadian tour operator, ITH, should also contribute to profit growth.

A promising recovery story is unfolding, but much of the news is in the share price, which at 120p is now back to where it was before the Airtours bid last year.



IMI

THE nine-fold oversubscription of the privatisation of Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (IMI), the Italian corporate bank, and the 20 per cent premium on the first day of dealings is reminiscent of the heyday of the British privatisation programme.

There are few banks in Europe which have such impressive credit quality as IMI, since 96 per cent of its loans have some form of government guarantee. The combination of earnings quality and a 4 per cent yield at the 10,900 lira flotation price made the shares more akin to capital growth bonds, and a useful alternative to the ubiquitous Italian government bonds, now Italian interest rates have fallen.

The greatest risk is that IMI will use its new freedom to expand into commercial and retail lending and behave like a normal bank — by losing money. Both management and shareholders should guard against it.

Having floated Credito Italiano and IMI successfully, the Italian government is trying for the hat-trick before the end of the month with Banca Commerciale Italiana. This will be less straightforward, since few institutions have the solidity of IMI. But with the Italian public's appetite now whetted, privatisation bandwagon will continue to roll, with the institutions trailing in its wake picking up any shares that are left over.

Westland

NEVER one to avoid a fight, Westland has decided to oppose GKN's bid. Its defiance is understandable, given the company's enthusiasm about the propsects for the EH-101 and the fact the bid is pitched well below the current share price. The wording of Westland's rejection suggests this is a genuine attempt to remain independent rather than simply squeeze another few pence out of the buyer.

But Westland's back is hard up against the wall. Since GKN already accounts for 47 per cent of the enlarged equity, it could allow the bid to lapse and take control by stealth, buying the 1 per cent a year allowed under the Takeover Code. Although GKN's stake falls to 40.2 per cent on the full conversion of the warrants and convertible preference shares, the conversion terms are limited and creeping control is still a viable option. GKN would be deprived of the advance corporation tax benefits that come with a full merger, but could well take control just as Westland is receiving the benefit of the first EH-101 deliveries.

Similarly, it is hard to spot a potential white knight for Westland. Agusta, the Italian partner on the EH-101, is embroiled in the liquidation of Efim, its state-owned parent, and is unlikely to have the resources. McDonnell Douglas, its partner in the Apache project, is also financially constrained. A wild card might emerge, but it is hard to see the benefit for any company now GKN owns such a large minority stake.

Westland has recovered impressively from its financial disasters of the mid-eighties and has much to be proud about. GKN may well feel obliged to sweeten its terms just to close the affair. But Westland already appeats to have lost its case for independence.

BUSINESS LETTER

Tomorrow's companies

From the Chairman, IBM UK and others

Sir, Today the RSA Inquiry *Tomorrow's Company: the role of business in a changing world* launched its interim report. Its main concern is how UK companies can attain sustainable business success within continuing and large changes in the nature and intensity of global competition.

In this context, the inquiry welcomes the Government's intention to publish a White Paper on UK Competitiveness in 1994 and offers the interim report as a constructive contribution to this vital debate.

The report represents the thinking of a group brought together by the RSA from major UK businesses to develop a vision of tomorrow's company based on their experiences.

The inquiry is publishing its interim report now to stimulate a wide debate on its work to date, and encourage a practical response from business. This consultative process will aid the inquiry team to shape its final report, planned for publication in 1995.

We would urge all those concerned about sustainable business success to read the interim report, take part in the debate, and follow through the report's practical implications in their organisations.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Be nice and wag your tail

BEFORE the first howl in the Far East that greets today's start to the Chinese Year of the Dog, geomancers have been peering into their rice bowls to determine what sort of year this might be for stock markets. James Capel's previous soundings from wise *fung shui* masters in the East have, the firm says, been impressive — the October crash, 1987, Tiananmen Square, 1989, and the worryingly accurate predications for 1992 that turned out to be spot on, at least for ten months of that year. Unlike the preceding years of the Rooster (1993) and the Monkey (1992), the Dog is more predictable and conventional, so 1994 may not be as exciting. Remember, though, when a dog bites, it is no small nip. Capel's month-by-month scenario has our dog, named K9, digging holes to bury bones in February — buy construction stocks. In March, the dog howls on death of a important politican (sell politically sensitive stocks), in April Fifi, a female friend, comes to play — visitor arrivals up, buy shipping shares — and in May . . . little yaps. Women and baby-related businesses boom. Food and beverages make the bones for June investments (Cerebos, BATs), and as July might see an increase in robberies and burglaries, go defensive (Chubb). Scratchy August sees volatility in stock and property markets, while September is London's equivalent of May — holiday time. Go away, and avoid Sino-British tension. Fifi and K9 are off colour in October, and a neighbour's boot, aimed at a cat, misses and hits them both. "Beware of health and the unexpected. There may be a small war. Sell insurance shares." December brings lots of tail-wagging, and best shares will be textiles and garments, publishing and transportation. January time, and young thoughts turn to second guessing 1995, and the Year of the Pig, so it is food and beverages again. Capel's overall market strategy for the New Year? Be nice, and wag your tail often. And to all our readers, *Kung Hei Fat Choy*, or if you are Mandarin speaking, *Gong Xi Fa Cai*. The advice from Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia is investors should take predictions with "a wag of the tail".

Trust pointer

RICHARD Howell, a very noticeable 6ft 3ins stockbroker, known equally for his prowess as a guru on plantation shares as for his heavy chalk-striped suits with bright coloured linings, is stepping back into City life on Monday after a short break away from it all. He joins Greig, Middleton, where he will present investment trust shares to the institutions. Howell left Sheppards in 1993 after 24 years. He now teams up with David Thomas, Middleton's investment trust specialist, with whom he worked 20 years ago. Given that combination, can a new plantations investment trust be far behind?



Chivalry lives

EVER since Lonrho chiefs Tiny Rowland and Dieter Bock let off steam about each other, making pointed observations on a television business programme about boardroom manners, (cuffrently, they are "the best of friends"), the City has been minding its p's and q's. The March edition of *Harpers & Queen* devotes a feature to the topic, appropriately quoting Anna Vinton, managing director of Reject Shop: "Make sure you say good morning to absolutely everyone."; Naim Attallah, vice-chairman of Asprey: "It is difficult not to feel nostalgia for good manners."; and Giles Shepard, managing director of Savoy Group: "Return phone calls quickly, and when you do, *you* not your secretary, should be on the line. Never allow thank-you letters to be typed," and "I always top and tail letters in my own handwriting.". The age of chivalry lives.

Double fault

THE umpire at Mike Burton, the corporate hospitality group, has cried "double fault" about Wimbledon fortnight prices detailed here yesterday. So as they say on court, I'll serve that again. Exclusive of VAT, the men's final day costs per person are £1,325, up from last year's £1,290, ladies' final day costs are £875 (£990), and the first few days are £5 up at £425. New balls, please.

Sir Alistair Frame

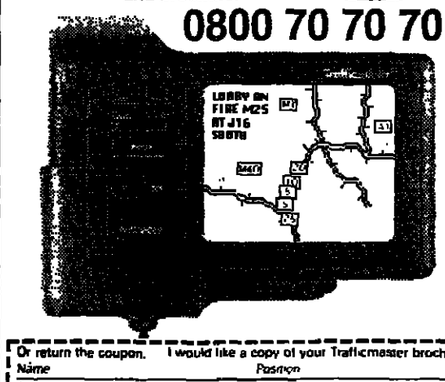
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Alistair Frame, chairman of RTZ (1985-91), who died on December 26, will be held on March 25 at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, at 11.30am.

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UK's gas-cooled atomic power plants shed lame duck image

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S gas-cooled atomic power plants have cast off their reputation as the lame duck of the world nuclear industry and are challenging the performance of the best.

In an extraordinary turnround. Advanced Gas-Cooled Reactors (AGRs) achieved an average load factor of 71.5 per cent in the year to September 30, 1993, only a couple of points behind the most successful design, the pressurised water reactor (PWR), according to a review by *Nuclear Engineering International*, the magazine for the industry.

The improvements are helping to cut the hitherto excessive cost of atomic power in Britain and, if sustained, should help restore the industry's battered credibility. This year, Nuclear Electric, the largest of Britain's four state-owned reactor operators, believes its AGRs may push the PWRs into second place.

Three years ago, AGRs were the world's worst performing plants, with load factors — the proportion of time they actually generate power — of little better than 50 per cent.

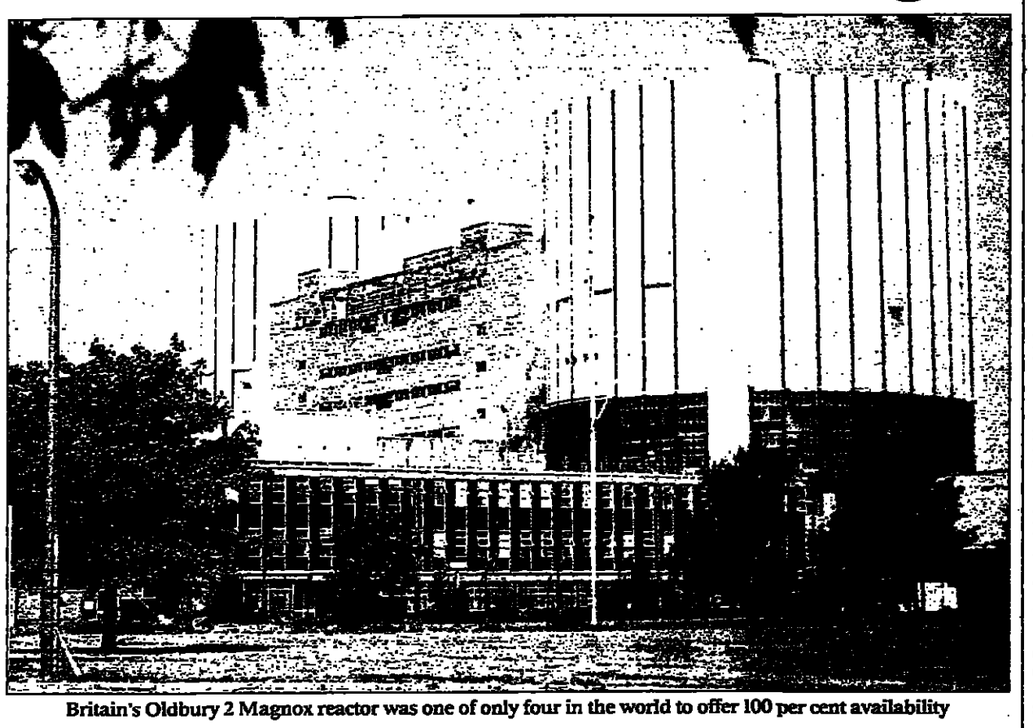
But since 1990, when the operators were told they must improve enough to compete in a free market, output has climbed, overtaking Britain's earlier Magnox designs as well as pressurised heavy water reactors and boiling water reactors used overseas.

The improved nuclear performance has caused an acceleration in the contraction of the coal industry, which has suffered as coal plants have been forced off the system by protected nuclear sales.

The world's most productive plant was in Switzerland, while Swedish, Canadian and American and Japanese plants dominated the top 20. However, the Oldbury 2 Magnox reactor at Oldbury-on-Severn, Avon, was one of only four in the world to offer 100 per cent availability during the year. Britain's best performing reactor, in terms of power generated, was at Hinkley Point B near Bridgwater, Somerset. It was 35th in a league table of more than 300 plants worldwide.

Nuclear Electric said three factors were behind the improvement in AGR performance. Reorganisation of the electricity generating industry had concentrated management of nuclear plants, making it easier for plant managers to share techniques and resolve problems. Nuclear Electric had spent millions to enable quicker refueling of the AGR plants. And unplanned stoppages had been substantially reduced.

Nuclear Engineering International said Nuclear Electric's AGRs continued to turn in an inferior performance to those of Scottish Nuclear last year. However, they are expected to nose ahead this year.



Britain's Oldbury 2 Magnox reactor was one of only four in the world to offer 100 per cent availability

Wilton TV deal to target Chinese in Europe

By Susan Gilchrist

WILTON Group, the toys and electrical goods company, yesterday revealed its ambitions in the media field by announcing a deal to establish a satellite television channel for the Chinese communities in Europe.

The company has joined forces with Shaw Media Corporation, a media investment company based in Hong Kong, to launch the Chinese Channel (CC).

Most of the programming for the new channel will be provided by Hong Kong's Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB), a large producer and supplier of Chinese language programming.

Shaw Media is owned by brothers Darren and Markus Shaw, grand nephews of Sir Run Run Shaw, chairman of TVB.

Wilton will take 80 per cent of the venture, which will eventually broadcast for 12 hours a day on an Astra satellite, and Shaw the remaining 20 per cent.

The channel, which is targeted at the estimated 850,000 Chinese living in Europe, will broadcast mainly in Cantonese. The agreement involves shareholders contributing up to £3 million of share capital. Wilton will subscribe for an initial £300,000 of shares and Shaw for £75,000.

Michael Buckley, Wilton's chairman who quit SelecTV last year after a boardroom split, said the development was an important step in the company's move towards becoming a media group.

The transformation started last July when Clive Ng, the Malaysian entrepreneur who has extensive media interests in South East Asia, took a stake of 28 per cent in the company and became deputy chairman.

Mr Buckley expects the channel to attract about 70,000 subscribers, each paying around £25 a month, and to become profitable within three years.

Trifast flotation will create two £6m men

TWO £6 million men will emerge from the flotation of Trifast, the industrial fastenings group. Former Glynwed executives Mike Timms and Mike Roberts, who set up the company in 1973, are together selling just over 6 million shares at £2 each to raise £12.23 million between them. Mr Timms and Mr Roberts, who have not been actively involved in the management of the company for about ten years, will still own a combined 40 per cent of Trifast's shares after flotation — worth another £12.67 million.

Another £3.51 million will be used by the company to reduce debts, to buy new premises next to the head office at Uckfield in East Sussex, and to pay the expenses of the share placing. The whole company, which supplies the electrical and electronic industries, is valued at £31.68 million under the terms of the placing of shares with institutional investors.

SEC revives trades plan

THE US Securities and Exchange Commission is to revive a proposal requiring investors to report big stock trades. The commission asked for comment on the proposed rules in 1991, but did not put them to a final vote. The new proposal will be subject to a 60-day public comment period. The proposal was revised to expand the definition of a large investor to one who trades shares valued at $10 million in a day, or one who trades 200,000 shares with a value of at least $2 million on any day. The original plan had lower limits.

Water firms to merge

ESSEX Water and Suffolk Water, the two water supply companies owned by Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez of France, have agreed to merge. They say the move is intended to bring greater efficiency and to further improve standards to customers. The companies have been under common management since 1991. The new company will be called Essex and Suffolk Water. Essex supplies a population of about 1.5 million and Suffolk about 250,000. The scheme requires approval at extraordinary meetings on March 7.

Grahams share swap

GRAHAMS Rintoul Investment Trust, ultimately controlled by American Express Bank, proposes letting holders of stepped preference shares convert them into new ordinary shares. The dividend saving over the stepped preference shares' remaining 19 years will be £5.35 million. After the exchange scheme, net asset value would fall from 194.3p a share to a pro forma 183.4p. Pre-tax revenue in the year to December 31 was £1.54 million (£1.25 million). Net asset value was 170.9p (113.9p) a share. The total dividend is 0.25p (same).

Triplex Lloyd sales

TRIPLEX Lloyd, the West Midlands metals and industrial engineering group, is continuing to divest non-core businesses with the sale of four building products businesses to JBS Industries for £6.5 million. The proceeds will be used to develop main activities and reduce net debt. The operations being sold are Hillaldam Coburn, Hillaldam Coburn (Ireland), Solair and Nico. They have net assets of about £4.3 million, and made combined operating profits of £500,000 in the year to March 31, 1993.

S&N looks west to pitch Center Parcs camp

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

SCOTTISH & Newcastle's Center Parcs operation, which operates 13 upmarket leisure parks in Britain and on the Continent, is eyeing the traditional home of the summer camp, the rural north-east of the United States.

Center Parcs, wholly owned by the brewer and now providing a third of its profits, has identified three sites on the eastern seaboard for a possible first site. They are in Northhampton County, Pennsylvania, in Sussex County, New Jersey, and at Forestburgh, in Sullivan County, New York.

The company has met Sullivan County officials, who were shown a 15-minute video on its European parks. A formal memorandum sent by fax to call the meeting apologised for short notice, saying that "timing is critical".

If it goes ahead, the $125 million development will dwarf the one-stop town of Forestburgh, population 619 and falling, according to censuses. The 300- to 500-acre site could provide 1,100 jobs and be Center Parcs' US headquarters, officials were told.

Center Parcs has seven sites in The Netherlands and two apiece in Belgium, France and Britain. A third British site, at Longleat, Wiltshire, is to open this summer and the first in Germany is to open next year.

Sullivan County officials, who were invited to pitch for a site, were told that the parks are "year-round family recreational and vacation centres ... in an environmentally sensitive manner".

S&N says that no decision about a US park has been taken, although it is considering taking options on land.

Some locals fear the impact of 300,000 visitors a year, but both sides, boasting green credentials, seem united on the conifer question. Dutch-founded Center Parcs is keen on conifers, which give visitors a sense of privacy, and deepest New York State has an awful lot of them. "They said they liked our conifers," said Daniel Lamberti, Forestburgh town supervisor, after meeting company representatives. "They said they'd discuss it, and took off."

Queen's Bench Division — Law Report February 10 1994 — Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Ethical ban on hunt unlawful

Regina v Somerset County Council, Ex parte Fewings and Others

Before Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment February 9]

A local authority had acted in excess of its statutory powers in banning stag hunting over its land under section 120(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. Councillors' moral objections to hunting were not a relevant consideration in a decision under the section.

Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by William Charles Fewings, the master of the Quantock staghounds, William Stewart Leyland, chairman of the hunt's executive committee, and Richard Down, huntsman, for judicial review of the decision of Somerset County Council on August 4, 1993 banning the hunting of deer with hounds on the council's land at Over Stowey Customs Common.

Section 120 of the 1972 Act provides: "(1) For the purposes of ... (b) the benefit, improvement, or development of their area, a principal council may acquire by agreement any land, whether situated inside or outside their area."

Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr David Holgate for the applicants; Mr Michael Supperstone, QC and Mr Philip Sales for the council.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said it was quite clear that the council's ban on hunting was passed entirely or at least in very large measure, because the majority of those voting for it were deeply opposed to the practice of deer hunting on ethical grounds.

Over Stowey Customs Common was the only land belonging to the council where deer hunting was not allowed. It had been appropriated in 1974 for amenity purposes under section 122 of the 1972 Act. The purpose of the appropriation was that specified in section 120(1)(b): "the benefit, improvement or development of their area".

The case involved a single issue of principle: was the subjective opinion of the majority of councillors voting, that deer hunting was morally repulsive, a consideration which at law the council was entitled to regard as relevant?

The county solicitor in advising the council had taken the view that it was but he had not at any stage drawn the members' attention to the source of their putative statutory power to ban hunting. It followed that if the ban was lawful it was more by good luck than judgment.

Without passing any stern criticism of the council's solicitor, it was important, at least where a sensitive ethical issue arose, that the lawyers advising the council should keep a weather eye on the statutory provisions governing the council's powers, and advise members of their effect.

It was a major principle of the common law that a public body, such as a council, enjoyed no such thing as an unfettered discretion. That was not surprising: a truly unfettered discretion would put the decision-maker outside or above the law.

Public bodies and private persons were both governed by the law, but the principles governing their relationship with it were wholly different.

Private persons could do anything that the law did not prohibit. But the rule was opposite for public bodies, and was that any action had to be justified by positive law.

A public body had no rights except those required to vindicate the better performance of the duties for whose fulfilment it existed. It had no axe to grind beyond its public responsibility: a responsibility which defined its purpose and justified its existence.

The primary question in the case was whether the councillors' moral objections to the practice of hunting were capable of justifying the prohibition as a measure which conduced to "the benefit, improvement or development" of their area.

His Lordship rejected a submission from Mr Supperstone that the statutory provisions limiting the powers of an elected body should be interpreted more broadly than where powers were delegated to an unelected body. That would be to impute an intention to the legislature which *ex hypothesi* could not be derived from the language of the Act.

In his Lordship's judgment the words of section 120(1)(b) were not wide enough to permit the council to take a decision about activities on its land which was based on free-standing moral perceptions as opposed to an objective judgment about what would conduce to the better management of the estate.

The section was not within the class of provisions which required the decision-maker to have regard to moral considerations as such.

A prohibition on hunting, under the section, could be justified only if the council reasonably concluded that the prohibition was objectively necessary as the best means of managing the deer herd, or was otherwise required, on objective grounds, for the preservation or enhancement of the amenity of the area.

If the activity in question was permissible under the general law, it was by no means to be prohibited on the ground only of the decision-makers' distaste or ethical objection where the reach of his statutory function on its face required no more than the making of objective judgments for the management of a particular region.

Parliament could legislate against activities on avowedly moral grounds, but where a subordinate body asserted a right to do so, the court would presume against it unless the empowering statute positively required the authority to bring its moral views to bear.

The council's decision would be quashed.

Solicitors: Cripps Harries Hall, Tunbridge Wells; Mr Anthony Bull, Taunton.

Minister's extradition error

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Patel

Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Mitchell

[Judgment February 9]

The Minister of State at the Home Department had erred in agreeing to extradite a man to the United States for offences allegedly committed between nine and twelve years earlier where the United States government was responsible for much of the delay in bringing the application for extradition.

Under the circumstances the minister should not have left it to the United States court to decide whether the delay was such that the trial would be unjust and oppressive.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so *held* dismissing an application for *habeas corpus*, but allowing an application for judicial review by Harshad Jashbhai Patel of the secretary of state's decision in January 1993 to order his extradition to the United States.

Mr Lionel Swift, QC and Mr Donald Cryan for the applicant; Miss Clare Montgomery for the secretary of state and the Governor of Brixton Prison; Mr Paul Garlick for the government of the United States.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY, giving the judgment of the court, said the charges against the applicant, of theft from his employer, were serious, although not of the first level of seriousness. They had been committed between nine and twelve years previously and the offences had come to light for the most part in 1983 and 1984.

The trial would depend on conflicting oral accounts of the applicant's terms of engagement. The applicant had not been culpably responsible for the delay but the US government had been responsible since March 1988 for unexplained, and hence culpable, delay.

The overall period of the delay was rendered the more oppressive because for a period of six years the applicant had believed that his extradition was no longer being sought and during that time he had married and started a family.

The minister in making his decision had not addressed at all the enormity of the period of delay and its effect on the life of the applicant, particularly in the light of his six years of false security and the commitments he then undertook.

The minister had decided that the lapse of time was not such as would make it inappropriate to leave these matters to the foreign court.

In so doing he had failed to give sufficient regard to the applicant's rights and the protection that the extradition process was intended to afford him and had clearly misdirected himself.

Solicitors: T. Cryan & Co, Harrow; Treasury Solicitor: CPS, International Branch.

Correction

In *Milano Assicurazioni SpA v Walbrook Insurance Co Ltd* (*The Times* February 8) counsel were Mr David Mildon and Mr Andrew Neish for the plaintiff; Mr Gavin Kealey and Mr Robert Bright for the defendants.

Good character and spent convictions

Regina v Heath

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mrs Justice Smith and Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment February 1]

Where a judge regarded the spent convictions of a defendant, disclosed by him in evidence, as lacking in significance to the extent that he should be regarded as a man of good character, the judge should give to the jury the directions to be found in *R v Vye* (*The Times* February 22, 1993; [1993] 1 WLR 471) as to the relevance of good character to the defendant's credibility and to his propensity to have committed the offence charged.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing the appeal of Robert William Heath against his conviction on January 16, 1992 at Maidstone Crown Court, before Judge Simpson and a jury, of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of cannabis, on which he was sentenced to seven years jail.

Mr Michael N. O'Sullivan, assigned by the Registrar for Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Seddon Cripps for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that in his summing up, the judge in effect equated the defendant's character, blemished as it was, with the character of a man with no previous convictions.

No criticism could be made of the judge, but since the date of the trial the law had been radically changed by *Vye*. It was plain now that there was a mandatory obligation on judges to give the two directions whenever a defendant was of good character. *Vye* had been followed by a number of authorities that in one way or another placed a gloss upon it.

In the context of the appeal the most important was *R v Horrex* (October 5, 1993, unreported) in which, while acknowledging that a judge was not under a mandatory obligation to give the directions where the previous character was not absolutely good, the court interfered with the exercise of the judge's discretion plainly because it took the view that if the judge believed the previous convictions were of no materiality and that the defendant should be regarded as of good character, the twin directions to be found in *Vye* should be given.

The present case was indistinguishable from *Horrex* and it was common ground that no directions on either limb were given.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Alternative charges

French and Another v DPP

Where there were alternative charges of handling and theft and a *prima facie* case on both charges, justices were justified in acquitting of theft and convicting of handling.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Mitchell) so held on January 27 dismissing an appeal by way of case stated from a decision of Brighton Justices on August 28, 1992, convicting David French and Andrew Ryan of handling stolen goods.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said it was for the magistrates to decide, from the inferences they drew from the evidence they heard, which offence the appellants were guilty of.

Although defence counsel had suggested the magistrates should have directed themselves to look only at the theft charge, the conviction of handling was justified on the evidence given, having regard to the fact that the appellants were acquitted of the theft charge.

Costs order powers

Magee v Armstrong Engineering Services (London) Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment January 28]

A judge had no jurisdiction to make an order depriving one joint defendant of his costs where the plaintiff undertook to discontinue proceedings against that defendant when the plaintiff wished to accept a payment made into court by the other two defendants to the action.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the second defendant, Taymech Ltd, against the order of Judge Ryland at Uxbridge County Court on July 28, 1993 when, having given leave to the plaintiff, Patrick Joseph Magee, to withdraw money paid into court by the first defendant, Armstrong Engineering Services (London) Ltd and the third defendant, British Gas plc, he made no order for costs against the plaintiff in respect of the second defendant's costs on the plaintiff's undertaking to file forthwith a notice of discontinuance against the second defendant.

Mr John Cherry, QC and Mr James Laughland for the second defendant; Mr Michael Harrison for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that even having accepted the payment in by the first and third defendants, the plaintiff could have proceeded to trial against the second defendant on the issue of costs only. Alternatively, the plaintiff could have discontinued his action against the second defendant.

Here, the plaintiff did neither but applied for a declaratory judgment as to the effect of discontinuance.

In his Lordship's judgment, not only did the judge have no jurisdiction to make the order he did, there was no reason for depriving the second defendant of his costs when he had maintained throughout that he was not liable to the plaintiff.

Lord Justice Hobhouse delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Dillon agreed.

Solicitors: Kennedys, Brentwood; Booth Bennett, Uxbridge.

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Gross Interest per annum†	Balance	Gross Compounded Annual Rate††
	Instant Access — No minimum deposit/ withdrawal	
3.375%	£250,000 and above	3.42%
3.250%	£100,000 – £249,999	3.29%
3.000%	£25,000 – £99,999	3.03%
2.250%	£2,000 – £24,999	2.27%
1.250%	£500 – £1,999	1.26%

† Where appropriate, Basic Rate Tax will be deducted from interest credited or paid (which may be reclaimed by resident non-taxpayers). Subject to the required registration form, interest will be paid gross.
†† Gross Compounded Annual Rate is the true annual return on your savings if the interest payments are retained in the account.

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Business Accounts
Interest Rates

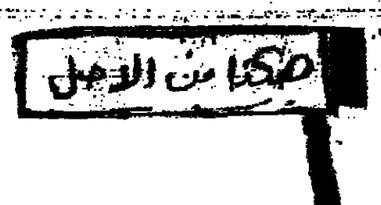
National Westminster Bank announces the following interest rates, effective from 10th February 1994:

BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT

Gross Interest per annum†	Balance	Gross Compounded Annual Rate††
	Instant Access — Minimum deposit/ withdrawal £100	
2.750%	£250,000 – £1,000,000	2.78%
2.625%	£100,000 – £249,999	2.65%
2.500%	£25,000 – £99,999	2.52%
1.750%	£2,000 – £24,999	1.76%
1.250%	£500 – £1,999	1.26%
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT		
4.125%	14 days notice of withdrawal required — No minimum deposit/ withdrawal £250,000 to No Maximum	4.19%
4.000%	£100,000 – £249,999	4.06%
3.875%	£25,000 – £99,999	3.93%
3.250%	£2,000 – £24,999	3.29%

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Earlier losses halved

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 31. Dealings end February 11. §Contango day February 14. Settlement day February 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	503	-5	11.8	2.9	19.4
314	179	Allied Irish	286	-4	...	3.6	14.6
269	130	Aus New Z	263½	-½	...	3.5	20.7
3808½	2712½	Bankamerica	2031½	+31½	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	288	-5	...	4.3	21.2
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
247	116½	Bank Scotland	225	-7	4.6	2.6	30.6
662	362	Barclays	587	-2	...	2.7	...
28½	8	Carlisle	27 †	-½	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	655	+3	28.0	5.3	...
180	85	Cattles	170	...	...	3.3	22.6
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2775	+12½	...	...	...
569	350	Close Bros	543	...	...	2.5	19.7
£153½	9171½	Commerzbk	£139½	+62½	...	2.8	...
£346½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£311½	+221½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	88 †	...	...	2.1	...
1651	976	Fuji Bank Y	1383½	-10½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	512	...	27.5	5.2	13.6
1113	490	HSBC	1029½	-13½	20.0	2.4	24.6
1133	474	HSBC HK	1051	-13	20.0	2.4	25.1
473	243	Hambros	461	-1	14.3	3.9	21.3
443	313	Joseph (L)	440	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	685	-3	16.7	3.0	23.7
690	492	Lloyds	613	+7	19.1	3.9	17.5
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	115 †	...	3.4	3.7	∞
630½	322	Nat Aust Bk	600½	-14½	...	4.0	14.6
634	398	Nat West	599	-3	17.8	4.1	32.7
572	270	Provident	541	+1	12.4	2.9	23.4
67	39	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	488 †	-11	...	2.8	22.1
1460	467½	Schroders	1435	-3	...	1.0	28.6
1437	576	Stand Chart	1336	-27	20.5	1.9	...
291	145½	TSB	285	-5	...	3.7	20.5
199	78	Union Disc	190	...	...	...	...
1012	529	Warburg SG	970	-10	...	2.5	14.2
9262½	4843½	Wells Fargo	8807½	+100	...	3.1	...
260	121	Westpac	256	-1	...	2.1	∞
390	188	Wintrust	380	+2	...	3.1	34.6

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	616 †	-11	...	4.3	17.1
647	441	Bass	548 †	-2	...	4.5	14.6
299	189	Boddington	280	-2	7.5	3.4	16.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	453 †	+1	...	2.9	18.2
193	120	Burtonwd Brw	173 †	+1	4.7	3.5	14.5
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	62½	+½	...	4.5	74.9
475	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	475	+10	7.5	2.0	19.9
506	373	Grand Met	461 †	-8	...	3.5	17.9
511	347	Greenalls Grp	463 †	-6	...	3.3	15.9
584	505	Greene King	553	-1	...	2.8	15.5
542	388	Guinness	513	-8	...	3.0	19.2
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	70½ †	+½	...	...	55.0
251	230	Hardy Hansn	260 †	...	...	4.1	13.9
150	105	Heavitree▲	150	...	3.6	3.1	∞
451	255	Highland Distl	451	+9	...	1.8	22.4
3225	2538	Hon J	3225	...	42.0	1.6	21.0
186	116	Macallan-Glen	150	...	4.3	3.6	33.7
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	216	-1	...	2.3	15.5
302	231	Mrston Thmp	297	+1	...	2.3	16.6
595	298½	Matthew Clark	566	-2	...	4.0	32.0
300	210	Mrrydwn W	226	-7	7.0	3.9	20.2
580	455	Morland	525 †	+2	...	2.3	18.0
12	6½	Paramount▲	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
252	145	Regent Inns	252	...	...	2.2	25.6
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1318½	-37½	...	2.1	21.8
591	393	Scot & New	533 †	-7	...	4.0	16.3
225	155½	Taunton Cider	173 †	-3	6.2	4.5	13.5
306	213	Vaux Group	288 †	-8	...	4.1	18.5
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	415	...	...	1.6	32.2
617	435	Whitbread 'A'	561	-3	...	4.0	13.5
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	549	-2	...	2.9	15.4
528	475	Young 'A'	525	...	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	205 †	...	...	1.2	33.7
27	12	Albrighton▲	23 †	...	...	0.5	...
200	87	Allen▲	198	...	...	3.2	44.9
160	65	Amec	150	-7	3.0	2.5	27.7
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12 #	...	...	...	...
389	150	Ashtead▲	382	...	...	1.5	40.4
158	101	Attwoods	158	+6	...	4.0	...
363	180	BPB Ind	357	...	...	2.7	42.7
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	123 †	...	...	3.2	37.0
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
106	69	Barcom	70	...	...	5.4	8.4
57	32½	Bardon	53	-1	2.0	4.7	26.1
292	94	Barratt Devs	286	-2	...	1.7	30.7
304	152½	Bellway	295	-3	...	2.5	27.7
59	15	Bellwinch	59	...	...	...	...
236	98	Berisford Intl	225 †	...	...	...	...
573	295½	Berkeley Gp	571 †	-2	...	1.4	30.8
153	45	Bett Bros	153	+5	...	1.6	19.8
93	36	Blockleys	88	+2	1.0	1.4	...
391	184	Blue Circle	370	-3	...	3.8	...
355	230	Boot (Henry)	335	...	6.0	3.2	18.7
117	78	Breedon PLC	117	...	4.6	4.9	28.8
145	82	Br Dredging	145	+2	5.2	4.5	32.2
91	45	Brit Fittings	91	+5	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	192	-2	...	3.1	29.0
155	57	CALA	141	-2	...	2.0	...
390	200	CRH	380	-4	...	2.3	20.4
53	18	Cakebread Rby	53	+2	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	40½	...	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	182	-2	...	2.9	∞
116½	35½	Crest Nicholson	112 †	-2	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	135	...	...	0.9	...
25½	15	Edmund Hldgs	23	...	0.3	1.6	...
300	178	Epwin	300	+2	7.0	2.9	25.4
82	32	Erith	77	...	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	458	...	...	...	...
244	97	Freeman Gp▲	242	...	6.0	3.2	37.9
59	38	Galliford	59	+1	...	2.1	...
91	52	Gibbs & Dandy	90	...	...	2.8	...
1025	645	Gleeson (MJ)	1018	...	...	1.6	17.7
173½	75	Hewden-Stuart	167½	-3½	...	2.0	35.9
51	28	Hewetson	51	+1	...	3.1	37.5
473	173	Heywd Wlm	466 †	-5	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	133	-7	2.5	2.3	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
26	15	Howard Hldgs	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
96	39	Ibstock Johnsen	96	+3	1.0	1.3	...
25	1½	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
425	196	Laing (J)	422	+14	9.0	2.7	16.8
163½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	163½	+5½	...	4.9	...
145	55	Ln Clydesdale▲	138 †	...	...	4.3	22.1
171	100	Lovell (YJ)	164	-1	...	...	74.5
420	240	Manders	403	...	9.3	2.9	24.7
213½	93	Marley	194	-3	4.2	2.7	56.9
155	61	Marshalls	151 †	-4	...	3.3	...
283	122	Maunders (J)	268	...	...	2.6	23.9
294	96	Mcalpine (A)	288	...	6.5	2.8	49.9
82½	23	McCarthy & S	76	-1	0.5	0.8	...
569	272	Meyer Int	562	-3	...	2.2	56.3
188½	62	Mowlem (J)	179	+3	4.0	2.8	...
196	51	NSM	188	...	...	...	...
53	46	Needler▲	46	...	...	3.9	21.5
196	106	Newman Tnks	185	-5	...	4.5	24.7
382	197	Persimmon	378	-2	8.6	2.8	38.6
26	9	Phoenix Timber	16	+1	...	...	...
1790½	1257½	Pochins	1790½	...	29.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prowting	192	-3	3.4	2.2	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	967	-4	...	2.6	36.3
117	75½	Raine Ind	109	...	...	3.4	25.8
36	18	Ramus▲	35 †	+4	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	619	-12	25.0	5.0	36.0
86	64	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.6	10.5
371	207	Rugby Group	332	...	6.4	2.4	25.4
68	23	Svlld-Rvs▲	58	...	...	0.5	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	180	-2	...	2.8	31.3
288	86½	Sheffield Insl	286	-2	...	2.4	70.2
268	82	Sherriff Hldgs▲	258 †	...	...	1.8	34.6
110	66	Shorcoa	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	230	...	...	4.6	17.3
4½	1½	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	192	-1	5.5	3.6	...
244	131	Tay Homes	243	-1	...	3.0	30.0
172	63	Taylor Woodrw	164	-6	1.0	0.8	...
756	433	Tilbury Dougls	750	+2	33.0	5.5	24.4
60	19	Torex Hire▲	56 †	...	...	1.3	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	343	-11	8.0	2.9	60.4
29½	5½	Trencherwood	29	+1	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	39	+1	1.0	3.6	9.9
24	21	Tudor▲	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
113	41	Vibroplant	113	...	2.5	2.8	40.6
74	30	Ward Hldgs	70	-2	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	455	...	...	3.3	19.6
225½	90	Westbury	220	-2	5.0	2.8	34.3
7	3	Wiggins	6½	-½	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	566	-4	...	2.0	39.8
259	147	Wilson (C)	254	-3	3.9	1.9	44.0
240	104	Wimpey G	230	-11	...	2.9	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
715	463	ADT	715	+25	...	...	...
388	198	Adam & Harvey	388	+5	13.0	4.2	7.1
92	56	Air London▲	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	93	Auto Sec	138	+2	...	5.5	34.7
162	84	BET Ord	144½	-½	...	1.9	5.8
145	41	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BPP	253	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
180	154	BSM	180	+1	...	4.0	15.8
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.1	4.7	14.8
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	214	...	4.7	2.8	15.6
39	17	Broadcastle▲	29	+1	...	1.1	23.1
76	48	Brooks Service	75	...	...	0.8	...
110	86	CRT Gp	110	...	...	3.3	19.7
240	139½	Capita Group	218	-4	...	1.3	34.0
59	31	Castor Plc	58	...	...	1.9	22.3
35	18½	Chiltern Capital	24½	+½	...	...	...
78	26	Christie	73	+2	...	...	...
423	228	Chubb Sec	402 †	-3	...	1.6	25.0
132	90	Comac▲	114	+1	...	1.6	29.8
48	6½	Corp Services	48	+1	...	...	...
96	20	Coutts Cnslig	92	-2	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	160	+1	3.3	2.6	21.7
276	198	Davis Service	274	...	...	3.6	20.6
141	85	EW Facs▲	141	...	4.4	4.0	16.1
34	11	Gardiner	31	...	0.7	3.0	∞
334	215	Hays	316	-3	...	2.1	27.6
299	174	Hogg Robinsn	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
365½	127	Htnch Whamp	338½	-6½	...	1.4	28.0
2696½	975	ISS B Dkr	2678½	+12½	...	0.8	18.5
637	475	Inchcape	566	-2	...	3.1	18.4
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1028	...	25.7	3.1	22.4
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
358	173	Mitie Gp	355	...	4.0	1.4	24.4
1234½	893½	Manpower	1181½	-9½	...	...	...
79½	40½	Michael Page	77½	...	1.8	2.9	32.9
...	110	Penna▲	110	...	8.0	9.1	4.1
5½	2	Prime People▲	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	90	...	...	20.8	5.0
435	337	RCO	400	-5	15.2	4.9	13.1
118	86	REA	109	...	2.0	2.3	...
127	43	Reed Executive	126	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Secs	126 †	...	4.5	4.5	33.0
279	178	Rentokil	258	-10	2.5	1.2	32.2
368	220	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	24.9
399	292½	Salvesen (C)	292½	-6½	...	3.4	19.4
58	26	Scott Pickford▲	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
17½	5	Select App▲	14	-½	...	...	...
1398	695	Serco Gp	1330	...	13.3	1.2	36.8
152	83	Sherwd Cmp▲	99	...	...	8.8	3.9
130	90	Skeschley	118	-2	...	3.2	27.0
355	310	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	30	...	...	...	...
29½	14	Wills Gp	29	...	...	1.7	20.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
270	210	Allied Colloids	225 †	-2	...	2.0	25.3
1060	913	Amersham	1054	+4	...	1.6	30.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
119½	9325	BASF DM	£113½	+68½	...	5.6	...
373	199	BTP	347 †	+1	...	3.4	27.9
143½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£137½	+118½	...	3.8	...
178	105	Blagden	169	+2	6.5	4.8	18.2
155	93	Brent Chems	125	...	...	7.4	11.4
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	380	...	...	...	...
...	5	Caird Gp	11	...	...	...	30.5
184	120	Canning (W)	143	+1	7.2	4.7	22.1
608	421	Courtaulds	524	-4	...	3.4	13.1
376	228	Croda	362	-2	...	2.7	20.8
140	105	Doeflex	128	+3	4.6	4.5	9.8
282	175	Ellis & Everard	276 †	-4	...	3.3	23.2
42½	19½	Euro Colour	39	...	0.8	2.8	18.7
351	259	Halstead (J)	345	-2	...	2.4	17.1
241	150	Hickson	198	-2	...	5.1	18.4
123½	8850	Hoechst	£115½	...	...	3.1	...
129	157	Holliday Chem	105	+5	...	2.4	18.0
815	606	ICI	813	+5	...	4.2	...
940	576	Laporte	839	...	19.9	3.0	23.2
248	181	Leigh	218	...	...	4.5	19.2
97½	35	MTM	65	-2	...	...	...
2365	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2350	+3½	...	1.2	33.8
606	370	Paterson Zoch	578	...	...	2.7	19.5
559	360	-do- 'A'	545	...	...	2.9	18.4
280	193	Plysu	236	...	...	3.7	20.1
286	173	Porvair	280	...	3.8	1.6	31.0
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	66	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	490	...	...	4.4	22.6
610	395	Wolstnhlme R	610	-5	17.0	3.5	20.9
482	330	Yorks Chem	482	+7	...	2.0	25.8
312	233	Yule Catto	305	...	...	3.5	19.0
869	593	Zeneca	784	+2	...	4.4	46.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	79	+2	...	4.7	...
248	173	Alders	230	...	...	3.3	17.1
410	257	Argos Plc	373	-1	...	2.4	31.8
35	8	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	100	-1	0.1	0.1	...
357	228	Asprey	342	...	5.2	1.9	22.1
199	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	166	...	...	4.6	16.6
150	94	Benalls	145	...	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Betterware	140	+1	...	1.9	16.8
47	22	Blacks Leis	42	...	2.2	6.7	...
261½	133	Body Shop	252	-5	...	0.9	32.5
16½	9	Brown & Jacksn	10	...	...	1.0	5.1
491	318	Brown (N)	490	+2	...	1.0	28.8
87½	55	Burton	55 †	-2	...	4.5	...
245	126	Camors	236	...	...	2.1	32.6
520	295	Church	485	...	12.5	3.2	43.2
183	97	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.3	3.4	19.4
282	212	Coats Viyella	275	...	...	3.4	38.0
120	78	Colourvision▲	93 †	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
181	154	Cthy Casuals	165	...	...	3.1	15.3
935	374	Courts Furnish	675	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
165	115	Crown Eye▲	165	...	7.5	5.7	11.3
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	119	-1½	...	3.1	17.5
109½	51½	Dewhirst (D)	108½	...	0.8	0.9	54.8
293	189	Dixons Grp	212 †	-1	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	69.7
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
264	71	Essex Furn	253	+4	...	1.7	40.5
273	203	Etam	257	-1	7.0	3.4	23.6
608	490	Fine Art Dev	529	...	13.0	3.1	17.2
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	48	...	...	...	...
713	498	Forminster	708 †	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conn▲	152	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	67	...	...	...	...
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	89	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	588	-10	...	3.5	18.1
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	35	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Hartstone	79	-1	...	...	...
33½	29	Helene Plc	30	...	2.0	8.4	14.2
110	29	Heritage▲	93	...	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle▲	75	...	...	3.6	11.0
211	63	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	2.3	14.8
783	496	Kingfisher	644	-1	...	2.7	22.2
83	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	83	+1	4.0	0.0	17.1
685	495	Liberty	543	...	7.2	1.7	63.9
380	211	Lloyds Chem	345	-11	...	2.6	12.1
184	120	MFI	180 †	-3	...	2.7	...
461½	311	Marks Spencer	427	+1½	...	2.5	21.8
680	445	Menzies (John)	608	+1	...	2.1	17.3
278	135	Moss Bros	277	...	5.5	2.5	32.5
251	139½	Next	233	-4	3.5	1.9	27.8
45	15	Oliver (G)	43	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	320 †	...	...	3.8	15.7
63	24	Pentos	29	...	0.8	3.4	6.0
313	185	QS Hldgs	268	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	42	-1	...	...	...
305	120	Rosebys	205	...	...	3.0	24.6
181	135	Sherwood Gp	175	...	...	1.9	15.8
132	93	Sears	124	...	...	3.5	49.9
41½	11	Signet Group	36½	+1	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	490	-7	...	3.9	15.6
127	83	-do- B	118	...	...	3.2	18.9
21	4½	Speciakyes▲	13	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	235 †	...	...	2.7	23.2
198	146	T & S Stores	183	+2	6.0	4.1	13.6
173	71	The Rack	162	...	1.0	0.8	26.5
265	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
131	67	Usher (Frank)▲	126	-1	6.0	6.0	10.9
465	302	Vendome	446	-5	...	1.7	20.8
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.6
87	42	WEW Group	61	...	...	2.8	45.0
49	34	Wearwell▲	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	121	...	...	0.2	55.0
89	45	Wld of Leather▲	89	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	35.1
4	2	Xtra-vision▲	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	177	+2	...	3.5	17.8
275	223	Acal▲	263	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
188	104	Alba	186	...	...	3.3	21.0
50	19½	Alphameric	38½	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	45	-1½	...	1.4	...
128	61	App Holo▲	95	...	...	...	...
...	9½	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	86½	+1½	...	0.4	...
271	230	Azlan	268	...	...	1.4	31.9
293	224	Beales Hunter	278 †	...	...	4.3	17.2
9	2	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	454	-14	19.2	5.3	...
558	408	Blick	526	+1	...	2.5	19.2
1700	925	Borland▲	937½	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	368	-1	...	2.3	24.4
499½	376	BT	456½	-2½	...	4.4	17.6
232½	150	BT P/P	198½	-2½	...	4.4	21.6
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	...	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	73	...	5.7	9.8	11.5
545	334½	Cable Wireless	509 †	-9	...	1.9	26.6
33	11½	Chloride	32½	-½	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro▲	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
137	74	Comptr People	135	...	...	...	...
202	108½	Cray Elect	197½	-½	...	1.1	19.2
445	243	Critchley	445	+1	...	1.3	25.6
560	414	Delta	525	-9	...	3.3	21.9
573	205	Denmans El▲	573 †	+10	...	1.4	18.4
620	395	Domino	525	-5	7.9	1.9	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	74	...	...	4.2	31.7
1625	865	Druck▲	1625 †	+15	10.3	0.8	32.6
589	358	Electrocomponts	554	-6	...	1.9	31.2
710	490	El Data Prc	558	...	...	1.2	15.8
175	43	Electron House	158	-3	...	2.2	22.5
33½	10½	Emess	33½	+½	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	756 †	...	...	1.6	25.7
211	108	FKI	195	-2	...	2.1	28.6
656	340	Farnell Elect	603	-6	...	1.4	31.9
91	33	Feedback▲	70	...	...	3.6	9.5
336	101	First Tech	325 †	...	...	0.8	27.1
270	81	Forward Gp▲	216	...	4.0	2.3	15.3
22½	13½	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	343½	-4½	10.4	3.8	17.2
190	132	Graseby	185	...	...	7.4	38.9
14½	7½	Graystone	14	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hitchin▲	42	-1	0.5	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	148	+5	3.1	2.6	10.6
189	118	Ind Control	178	-2	...	3.1	17.9
388	320	Jones Stroud	370	...	...	3.1	14.7
163	126	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	29.0
19	8	Kembrey	13	...	0.1	1.5	...
396	260	Kenwood App	388 †	+3	...	2.5	21.8
298	47	Kewill Sys▲	298	+4	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	146	...	8.0	5.1	17.3
80	16	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
165	122	LBMS▲	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
305	305	Lec Refrig	295	...	9.0	3.8	...
179	129	Life Sciences	158	-1	3.7	3.0	17.1
314	164	Logica	313	...	...	1.6	36.1
55	44	LPA Ind▲	47 †	...	...	6.5	...
239	162	MR Data Mngmt	213	+2	...	3.0	20.0
723	523	Macro 4	718	...	...	3.1	21.8
281	175½	Memtec-Sw▲	229	+6	...	2.1	19.8
3013	903	Micro Focus	1030	-3	...	...	9.5
227	144	Microgen	189 †	...	7.2	5.4	∞
75	23½	Microvitec▲	37½	...	...	...	...
559	357	Mitys	558 †	...	...	1.7	20.4
545	98	Mitel	460	+6	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Compt▲	170	...	...	2.9	23.1
70	16	Molynx	24	...	1.3	6.8	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Muirhead Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
176	58	Murray Eml	143 ↓	-1	...	1.7	∞
3206½	2590½	NYNEX	2643½	-12½	...	...	...
188	121	Neutronics	121 †	...	...	2.7	21.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
324	58	Norbain▲	322	-1	...	0.6	34.8
75	20	Northamber	56	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	5	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
356	195	Oxford Inst	356	+11	4.6	1.6	24.4
87	29	P & P	82	-4	2.0	3.2	∞
95	55	Peek	95	+1	3.4	4.5	24.8
235	115	Pegasus▲	230	...	...	3.5	59.0
£106½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1678½	725	-do- Lnp nv	1653½	+6½	...	...	...
415	211	Phonelink▲	405	+5	...	...	...
327	171½	Pifco	325	...	...	1.6	27.2
317	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	315	...	...	1.6	26.4
96	63	Plasmec▲	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
120	76	Pressac	116	...	...	2.8	24.6
261	81	Psion▲	258	...	2.5	1.2	68.5
261	147	Racal Elect	215 †	...	4.2	2.5	12.8
70	33	Radamec	50	...	...	3.8	10.7
70	24	Radius▲	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
114	61	Real Time▲	110	+4	...	3.4	22.6
35	15	Riva▲	18	...	...	...	22.8
629	367	Sage Gp	570 †	...	...	2.2	17.5
350	222	Sanderson Elec	345	+5	9.9	3.6	14.7
89	49	Scantronic	85	-1	3.1	4.7	23.3
210	117	Scholes Grp	208	...	...	3.0	36.9
375	270	Sema Gp	357	-1	2.9	1.0	29.0
275	235	Servomex	262	...	5.9	2.8	19.8
49	26	Silvermines	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	37	Soundtracks▲	89	...	3.4	3.4	∞
2718½	1737½	TDK	2493½	-25	...	1.2	30.6
27	4½	TDS Circs	15½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	164	...	0.8	0.6	27.0
292	178	Telspec	291	-1	...	1.1	30.6
1153	809	THORN EMI	1113 †	-5	...	3.6	25.8
163	96	Thorpe FW	163	+8	...	2.0	19.0
103	25	Total Systems▲	40	...	1.5	4.2	7.1
303	186	Tunstall	298 ↓	...	...	1.5	∞
324	164	Unitech	316	-1	...	2.5	53.4
15	6	Verity	14½	+½	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec▲	26½	...	0.3	1.8	15.6
624½	367	Vodafone	615½	-½	...	1.6	26.8
483	368	Volex	478	+1	18.1	4.7	19.6
26	11	Western Selectn	23 †	...	0.2	1.4	...
315	223	Wholesale Fttgs	310	...	11.7	4.8	32.6

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	696 †	-16	...	3.7	12.3
725½	399	Eastern Elect	704 †	-9	...	3.6	13.4
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	443	-6	...	3.3	15.4
733½	404	London Elect	709 †	-14	...	3.8	13.4
850	458	Manweb	834 †	-14	...	3.3	10.4
767	424½	Midlands Elec	738 †	-15	...	3.6	11.7
510	273	National Powr	473	-2	...	2.9	11.7
801	440	Northern Elec	774 †	-15	...	3.6	10.3
295	100	Nthn Ireland	294 †	-7	...	3.0	13.9
806	439	Norweb	772 †	-13	30.8	3.4	11.1
577	273	PowerGen	542	-9	...	2.6	14.2
487	285	Scottish Power	444 †	-11½	...	3.3	16.5
435	218	Seeboard	408½	-11½	...	3.2	12.8
825	469	Sth Wales	786 †	-13	...	3.7	12.1
743	426	Sth Western	723 †	-17	...	3.6	10.7
745½	420	Southern Elec	714 †	-12	...	3.6	9.5
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	711 †	-4	...	3.7	13.4

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD▲	163	...	3.4	2.6	25.5
118	36	Baltic Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
757	413	Caledonia	751	-3	...	2.6	27.9
2017½	1075	Carnelia	2012½	...	...	1.9	7.6
303	242	Candover	354	-3	10.4	3.7	...
466	155	Govett	462	-3	...	3.6	13.6
250	125	Ivory Sime	241	...	...	3.6	20.8
428	150	Johnson Fry	398	-15	...	...	...
245	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	240	...	8.7	4.5	17.5
97	47	Manakin	84	...	...	...	...
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	22½	-½	...	...	0.5
56	40	Newmarket	55	...	...	...	...
365	246	Rathbone Brs	360	+2	6.5	2.3	21.9
28½	17	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	3.8	15.7
400	253	S & U	395	...	10.2	3.4	13.9
106	46	Singer & Fried	105	...	...	3.6	...
1136	713	Sotheby's	1125	+10	...	1.4	...
188	113	SJP Capital	184	...	3.0	2.0	25.0
224	183	Towry Law	223	...	...	2.6	21.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2112½	+50	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1170	-3	...	4.5	27.0
251½	92	Invesco	232	-1	...	1.6	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	296½	-13½	...	2.7	12.4
321	154	MAI	295½	+3½	...	2.9	18.7
770	389	MAM	747	-7	16.0	2.7	16.7
1243	633	M & G	1230	...	...	2.5	25.8
496	109	Smith New Ct	484 †	-1	...	1.8	4.7
81	45	Trio Hldgs	63½	+½	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	574 †	-1	...	3.3	11.0
77½	46½	ASDA Group	59 *	+1½	1.6	3.5	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	366	...	...	2.8	13.3
80	55	Albert Fisher	67 †	-3	...	7.0	14.9
407	248	Argyll	362 †	+1	...	5.3	9.4
270	160	Banks (S C)	265	...	9.0	4.2	10.1
402	305	Barr (AG)	349 †	...	6.5	2.3	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsp▲	64	...	...	5.6	14.4
481	357	Booker	450	+1	...	6.0	39.0
52	35	Borthwick	48½	-½	...	3.1	60.2
505	430	Brake Bros	490	-1	6.3	1.6	20.4
51	37	Bridgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	518	-10	...	3.3	18.3
222	178	Carrs Milling	182	...	...	3.0	13.3
196	133	Craswick	151	-1	...	6.6	14.3
22	8½	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	121	...	...	5.2	26.1
543	424	Dalgety	480	-2	...	5.5	13.8
57	27	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	284	+2	...	2.4	27.0
134	97	Everest	97	...	...	4.8	17.6
391	269	Fairpak	384 †	+6	5.9	1.9	23.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.7	25.9
125	78	Fyffes	103	...	...	1.5	∞
483	256	Geest	302	-1	8.1	3.4	13.6
27½	7	Global▲	19	...	0.5	3.3	29.6
68	43	Grand Central	58	...	0.8	1.7	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	160	...	...	5.1	9.0
196½	131	Hillsdown	175	-1	8.8	6.3	13.7
250	146	Iceland Group	169	-1	...	2.6	10.7
131	92	JLI Group	108	...	...	5.4	12.0
653	542	Kwik Save	587	-3	...	3.9	10.6
262	144	Low (Wm)	173	...	...	6.1	6.1
96	41	Matthews (B)	96	...	2.3	3.1	62.9
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16½	...	0.9	7.2	33.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	114	-2	...	0.9	14.9
246	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	236 †	+½	...	4.5	11.6
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	13	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	214	+1	...	3.6	11.9
310	205	Park Foods	309 †	-1	...	2.6	23.6
115	58	Perkins Food	81	...	...	6.9	9.3
134	47	PizzaExpress	126	...	...	0.5	26.6
6	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4	-½	...	...	...
584	348	Sainsbury J	363	-½	...	3.5	12.7
86	33	Senny Farm▲	78	...	1.5	2.4	14.0
235	90	Sims Food	121	...	...	6.7	23.3
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	451	+2	...	3.6	12.1
273	176	Tesco	224	+3	...	4.1	10.2
211	123	Thorntons	193	+1	...	2.4	...
229	101	Treas▲	220	-2	...	3.3	17.7
434½	300	Unigate	410	-8	...	5.0	13.4
437	326	Utd Biscuits	356	...	...	5.4	22.0
24½	18½	Usborne	19½	...	...	3.4	14.4
401	248	Watson & Phil	401 †	...	...	4.5	16.8
59	30½	West Trust	44	+1	...	7.7	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26	...	...	2.2	21.2
94	77	City Centre Rest	88	...	1.5	3.7	19.8
285	170	Forte	252½	+½	...	3.6	38.2
215	148	Friendly Hotels	196	...	...	...	...
11½	5	Harmony Prop▲	10½	...	...	...	...
169½	87	Jurys Hotel	160½	+½	...	4.0	13.0
225½	142	Ladbroke	202	-3	11.1	6.9	17.3
109½	59	Mandarin Ornl	106½	-3	...	3.2	26.4
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	29½	...	...	4.2	...
1052	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1052	+24	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34½	Stakis	90	-2½	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	44	-2	...	25.0	2.7
616	455	AAH	522 †	-6	...	4.2	17.4
185	123	AIM	175 †	+20	...	5.4	21.4
138	88	APV	132	-2½	...	5.1	...
238	81	ASW	192	...	...	3.9	...
202	118	Adwest	200	...	...	4.5	19.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	...
309	228	Airsprung	308	...	...	1.9	19.7
211	113	Alexdra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	10½	+½	...	...	...
316	207½	Alumasc	316	+3	...	2.3	18.7
58	17	Alvis	56 †	-2	1.0	2.2	∞
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
107	75	Anagen	78	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	90	-4	...	4.2	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1680	-25	...	1.2	31.1
61½	37	Armour	59½	+½	...	3.4	14.1
173	143	Ash & Lacy	173	...	6.4	4.6	17.7
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	62.1
583	434	Avon Rubber	580 †	...	...	3.6	20.4
300	168	Assoc Nursg	300 †	...	...	0.4	18.4
687½	488	Atlas Equip	508	...	...	5.4	12.8
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
224	147	BBA	217	-3	...	4.3	18.4
122	28	BLP Group▲	122	...	...	...	...
17	13	BM Gp	40½	...	...	2.0	...
770	590	BOC	698	+1	...	4.2	16.6
86½	50	BSG	85½	-1	...	4.7	29.8
578	353	BSS Group	555	...	...	3.9	31.0
409½	319	BTR	384	...	...	3.6	21.5
221	147	BWI	169	...	...	5.0	15.7
50	25½	Babcock	37	-½	...	3.7	22.1
...	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
299	228	Baird (Wm)	268	+2	8.9	4.2	18.6
531½	400	Barlow	450	-12½	...	7.3	8.2
81	48	Baynes (Charles)	80	...	...	2.3	32.7
28½	14	Bearing Power	22	...	...	4.3	14.0
3½	2½	Beaufort	...	...	...	...	...
34	...	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	17	...	...	2.2	12.9
707	285	Bespak	385 †	...	10.2	3.3	12.0
133	55	Bibby (J)	85	...	...	2.9	...
312	129	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Battsea▲	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	8	...	...	...	...
268	118½	Birkby	265	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
42	29	Black Arrow	37	-1	2.1	7.1	11.6
15	0½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
283	136	Black (Peter)	283	...	3.8	1.7	22.0
734	129	Bluebird Toys▲	734	+9	4.5	0.8	22.4
329	230	Bodycote	322	...	...	2.0	20.6
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.3	14.2
609	416	Boots	554	-3	...	3.1	21.9
61	39	Booth Inds	51	...	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	492	...	...	3.0	20.6
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1606½	+3½	...	...	...
297	199	Boxmore Intl▲	297	+3	4.0	1.7	∞
20	12½	Brasway	19 †	...	...	3.4	...
331	204	Brammer	331	...	13.0	4.9	24.6
31	12	Bridgend Gp	25	...	0.4	...	...
163	64	Bridon	155	...	...	3.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	...	3.9	...
56½	31	Brierley Inv	56½	+½	...	6.0	13.9
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
124	42	Br Bloodstock▲	107	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	510	...	...	2.5	18.3
147½	54	Br Steel	143	+1½	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	166 †	...	...	3.8	17.2
298	215	Br Vita	283	+1	7.3	3.2	17.4
17½	5½	Brixton Grp	17½	-½	...	1.3	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	917	-3½	...	2.0	41.5
124	78	Bromsgrve Ind	124 †	+6	...	4.4	16.1
15	6½	Brooks Tool	14	-½	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	55	...	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	174	...	6.0	4.5	∞
24	11½	Business Tech▲	15	+½	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	22	...	0.5	3.3	21.1
49	11	Campbl & Arm	44	-1	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	33½	...	...	...	...
273	205	Cape	273	+5	...	4.8	18.5
455	254	Caradon	415	...	...	2.6	33.5
219½	128	-do- pf	199½	-1	7.2	4.5	...
283	178	Carclo Eng	280 †	...	...	3.9	20.8
2887½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2418½	+65½	...	2.6	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros▲	92 †	...	...	3.3	22.3
249	158	Castings	249	+1	4.6	2.3	17.6
71	53	Cathay Intl	61	...	...	...	...
250	213	Celtech	226	-1½	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
812	605	Charter	782	-7	...	3.5	12.0
360	220	Chemring	350	...	...	3.2	18.1
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	47	+1	4.5	12.0	10.1
45½	15½	Chillington	41	...	1.0	3.1	...
246	144	Christies Int	246	+2	...	0.8	61.1
80	34	Clayhithe	67 †	...	...	4.7	...
150	55	Clayton Son	105	...	3.4	1.0	...
435	295	Cohen (A)	430	...	...	3.1	19.0
279	179	Commnwlth H	279	+7	...	2.8	21.8
263	186½	Concentric	263	...	6.0	2.5	18.3
308	120	Cook (Wm)	303	...	...	1.9	34.7
273	182	Cookson	262	-3	...	1.4	27.5
95	38	Copymore▲	91	-1	...	4.4	22.1
238	130	Crwll Pkr 'A'	163	...	...	4.6	...
178	92	Cosalt	147	...	...	2.6	33.5
275	150	Creighton Nts	273 †	+3	7.4	3.4	19.6
48	27	Crestacare	39	...	0.6	2.1	33.7
4037½	2893½	Dana	4037½	+50	...	...	...
356	78½	Danka Bs Sys	355	+7	...	0.5	33.7
296	193	David Brown	295	...	...	2.5	20.9
969	632	De La Rue	929	+3	...	2.6	22.4
40	16	Dinkie Heel	40	+1	1.1	3.4	31.8
628	391	Diploma	625	+1	...	2.4	25.0
97	50	Dobson Park	95 †	...	...	4.9	21.6
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	134	...	5.0	4.7	24.4
97	57	-do- 'A'	97	...	5.0	0.5	17.6
16½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	435	-1	...	3.5	17.2
28	19	Eldef	22	+2	...	...	...
53	19	Eleco	51	...	...	...	...
3496½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3296½	+6½	...	1.5	∞
90	43	Elliott (B)	89	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	520	-5	...	4.9	30.3
146	111	Environmed	142	...	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3000	+21½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	78	...	...	2.5	22.4
87	47	Expamet	70	...	...	4.2	17
778	499	Fairey Group	771	...	10.7	1.7	23.6
141	47	Fenner	139	+1	...	...	...
91	32	Ferrars Group	88	...	...	2.8	13.0
29	10	Ferrum	10	...	1.4	17.5	7.0
66	36	Tile Indmar	65	...	...	5.3	...
251	102	Fisons	131	-1½	...	8.3	12.1
60	39	Fitzwilton	56 †	...	...	7.8	...
298	216	Flogas	286	...	...	3.4	13.1
51	33	Folkes Group nv	46	...	1.5	4.1	26.1
126	56	French (Thomas)	125 †	+2	3.6	3.6	∞
284	162	Frost Group	258	...	...	2.1	37.4
88	70	GEI Int	80	+1	...	3.6	...
615	434	GKN	566	-10	...	4.5	37.8
68	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Ganton Eng	124	+5	4.1	4.2	...
183	103	Gestetner	182	+5	3.0	2.1	∞
68	23	Glevex	62	+1	...	...	44.9
801	509	Glaxo	662	-10	...	4.2	17.3
44½	16	Glenchewton	41½	...	...	...	...
394½	245	Glynwed	378	-4	11.6	3.6	35.6
175	66	Goode Durrant	175 †	...	...	1.6	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	178	...	5.5	3.9	32.9
594	341	Granada	578 †	+10	...	1.9	22.8
484	301	Great Sthrns▲	483	...	11.4	3.0	19.9
117	73	Green (Ernst)▲	82	...	...	12.7	12.4
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
88	30½	Haden MacLn	81	...	...	3.1	29.2
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
318	115	Hall Eng	317	...	8.6	3.4	26.5
256	161	Halma	249 ‡	-5	...	1.1	31.2
71	30	Hampson Ind	67 †	+3	1.7	3.2	22.1
302	222	Hanson	298	+3½	...	4.8	22.1
221	149	Harris (Philip)	154	...	...	5.6	9.3
223	147	Harrisn Crsfld	209	-2	9.0	5.4	30.2
171	38	Havelock Euro	155	-2	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	43	...	...	...	...
69	17	Headway	49	+1	...	1.6	...
13	1½	Healthcare	1½ #	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	495	-7	14.8	3.6	21.3
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	55	...	0.5	1.1	...
202	112½	Hill & Smith	186	...	6.2	4.3	∞
26½	6½	Hobson▲	26½	+1½	...	...	...
191	87	Holders Tech▲	151	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
63	30	Hopkinsons	56	...	6.9	...	42.4
215	133	Hornby▲	214	...	9.0	5.3	20.2
103	54½	Howden	101	-1	...	2.6	15.0
265	173	Hunting	260	-5	...	4.9	21.0
513	269½	Huntleigh Tech▲	493	...	...	1.0	32.7
379	247	IMI	357	-2	...	3.2	21.5
135	90	ISA Intl	132	...	1.5	1.5	29.5
205	131	Intercare Gp▲	149 †	...	...	2.9	14.2
298	235	Isotron	296	-1	4.3	1.9	17.2
710	360	Jardine Math	675½	-14	...	1.9	24.5
610	425	Johnson Matth	588	-6	...	3.3	22.9
64	35½	Johnson & FB	46½	...	...	5.6	14.3
177	104	Johnston	163	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	32	...	...	...	...
36	16	Jourdan (T)	35	-1	0.7	2.7	...
186½	73	Kalon	166½	...	...	2.5	25.9
297	195	Kelsey Ind	255 †	...	9.0	3.9	∞
805	466	Kershaw (A)	790	...	...	4.4	39.7
276	75	Klemenz	252 †	...	...	0.5	...
164	81	LGW▲	155	...	3.4	2.8	12.8
422	266	Laird	417	-5	...	3.1	20.5
170	103	Lilleshall	170	+6	...	3.2	22.4
223	97	Lincat▲	212	...	...	7.5	14.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	41	-1	...	...	33.8
131	76	Linread	126	...	3.6	3.8	19.5
355	170	Linton Park	350	...	...	5.0	12.6
19½	9½	Litmbeam	12½	-½	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	19	...	0.8	5.6	22.6
274	97	Lon Intl	156	-1	6.2	5.0	...
175½	70	Lonrho	166 †	-1½	...	3.0	45.6
410	269	Low & Bonar	399	+1	...	2.9	55.9
49	14½	ML Hldgs	46	-½	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	62 †	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	66 †	-1	...	2.4	17.4
271	168	Macfarlane	258	-4	...	1.6	29.2
538	379	McKechnie	535	-2	...	3.4	25.8
137	85	McLeod Russel	119	...	...	6.4	17.6
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
146	71	Mang Bronze	144	...	...	2.2	23.8
26½	19½	Marling	24½	...	...	4.3	...
231	124	Mayborn▲	230	-1	5.2	3.0	16.9
64	29	Mayflower	64	...	...	0.9	53.4
236	85	Medeva	161	+4	...	1.9	13.1
120	88	Meggitt	118	-1	...	4.1	20.1
126	98	Metalrax	126	...	...	3.7	20.6
154	112	Meurotec	128 †	...	...	3.2	17.8
113	70	Metsec▲	113	+4	...	...	...
124	29	Midstates	118	...	...	0.8	16.4
575	368	Molins	553	...	...	3.3	13.3
408	262	Morgan Cble	394	-3	...	4.0	20.7
205	134	Morris Ashby▲	204	+2	5.7	3.5	15.3
51	18	Neepsend	48	-1	1.0	2.6	64.4
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
249	122	Nobo Gp	237 †	...	5.3	2.8	23.4
212½	122½	Norcros	201 †	...	...	4.4	29.4
51	33	Novo Group	33	...	...	4.2	10.6
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	59 †	+½	...	3.7	...
170	123	PCT▲	168	...	7.2	5.4	19.1
91	36	Pacer Systems▲	80	...	...	5.4	...
43	31	Pascoe's	33	...	...	...	...
138	87½	Pentland	112	+1	...	2.9	15.2
395	280	Photo-Me	290 †	...	4.7	2.0	18.8
204	97½	Pilkington	195 †	+2½	...	1.6	...
108	68	Plansbrook	106	...	3.1	3.7	16.7
185	125	Polypipe	179	-1	2.1	1.5	24.2
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	23	-½	...	2.2	10.5
376	272	Powerscreen	320	...	...	2.7	16.6
22	10½	Prospect Inds	22	+½	...	4.7	12.5
70	33½	RPS Group▲	70	...	2.3	4.1	15.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil▲	148	-2	1.0	0.8	49.6
1101	636	Rank Org	1046	-3	...	3.7	22.7
33	13	Ransomes	24	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	676	-7	...	3.1	15.6
83	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.8
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
284	131	Relyon	284	...	5.0	2.2	34.1
308	208	Renishaw	305	...	...	2.7	36.2
138	55	Renold	137	...	...	1.6	...
2023	1240	Reuters	2018	+47	...	1.6	27.8
87	24½	Rexmore	85	...	2.0	3.0	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	194	-1	...	3.7	27.5
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
105	63	Richardson West	105	...	3.0	3.6	26.9
146	109	Ropner	146	...	8.2	7.1	20.7
142	97	-do- 'A'	142	...	8.2	7.3	20.1
38	14	Ross Gp	21½	...	0.6	3.8	8.6
195	131½	Rotork	187	...	...	2.5	21.9
190	89	Rubicon	165	-4	...	3.3	20.6
75	43	Russell (A)	72	...	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	36½	-2	0.8	2.8	∞
1312½	625	SKF 'B'	1190½	-3½	...	...	...
272	205	Scapa	272 †	-1	...	2.6	20.3
239	179	Scholl	209	...	...	3.8	15.2
323	262	Scotia	262	-2	...	...	...
1291	917	Securicor	1275	...	...	0.3	36.1
1036	962	-do- 'A'	1026	+2	...	0.4	29.0
892	465	Security Serv	878	...	5.6	0.8	∞
154½	77	Senior Eng	151½	-2½	...	2.7	25.2
361	278	Seton Health	330	...	...	2.3	19.5
166	88	Shiloh	146	...	3.0	2.6	16.0
344	271	Sidlaw	330	...	...	4.0	16.4
600	427	Siebe	582 †	-6	...	2.2	20.5
383	220	Silentnight	375	...	...	2.7	20.3
181	102	Sime Darby	158	+3	...	3.1	17.1
142	32	Simon Eng	125	-1	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	238	-1	...	3.7	18.5
47	35	Six Hundred	44	...	...	4.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	149½	+1	...	3.9	16.6
513	373	SmithKline	418	+1	9.6	2.9	15.1
450	340	SmithKline Uts	387	+1	...	3.1	13.1
522½	320	Smiths Ind	481	-1½	...	3.1	19.3
140	59	Sthn Bus	96 †	...	...	4.8	5.0
572	265	Spandex▲	578	...	...	1.4	25.7
605	300	Spear (JW)	600	...	4.5	0.9	11.2
497	374	Spirax-Sarco	474	...	...	2.9	25.4
137½	45½	Spring Ram	74 †	-1	...	0.8	...
270	221	Staveley	253	...	...	4.2	14.3
242	125	Sterling Ind	242 †	...	...	3.9	27.1
225	97	Stoles	214	-1	4.0	5.3	22.4
611	244	Stone Platt 'A'	551	-3½	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
76	57	Sykes Pick	53	...	3.0	7.2	10.1
176	130	Syltone	176 †	...	...	3.4	25.7
455	279	TI	418	-6	...	3.2	28.6
44	12	TLS Range▲	40	...	0.2	0.6	...
375	221	TT Group	368	+1	...	2.2	22.7
292	201	Tarsair	270	...	...	0.8	35.5
868	616	Takeda Chem	796½	-25½	...	0.8	15.2
68	24	Tex Hldgs	42	-5	...	...	...
139	73	Tinsley (Eli)	99	...	...	7.1	17.1
240	150	Tilhnn	220 †	...	...	2.4	16.3
283	212½	Tomkins	255 †	-4	...	3.2	18.9
134	55	Trafalgar H	129½	-½	...	3.4	...
155½	127½	-do- 6pc Cv Pf	152	-½	...	...	...
116	61	Transtec Tech	101	...	3.2	4.0	12.7
180	120	Trip ex Lloyd	155 †	...	...	5.0	18.6
318	214	UniChem	308	-4	6.4	2.6	20.2
455	275½	Unitare	435 †	+12	...	2.6	∞
76	1½	Unigroup	36	...	...	...	...
1249	936	Unilever	1233	+9	22.2	2.3	16.8
8122	6392½	Unilever (NV)	7956½	-40½	...	2.6	13.2
24	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
1065	517	VSEL	1065	+10	...	3.6	11.5
37	6½	Vetrum	22	-5	...	...	...
194	95½	Vickers	185	-4	...	1.5	...
367	243	Victaulic	327	...	...	3.0	16.1
525	282	Vinten	517	...	...	1.7	24.1
747	427	Vosper Thorny	747	...	...	2.5	17.3
47	32	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
510	308	Wagon Ind	509 †	...	...	4.3	22.4
6½	1½	Waterbourne	4½	-½	...	...	24.6
114	71	Walker Greenbk	113	...	3.1	3.4	25.5
304	201	Wassall	282	-3	2.7	1.2	28.5
57	22	Watford Wdgwd	47	...	...	...	...
264	182	Weir	261	-4	...	2.1	20.4
693	564	Wellcome	649	-3	...	3.3	13.8
30	16	Wellman	26½	...	0.9	4.2	43.3
400	260	West Hthcare	392	...	...	1.2	25.2
567	455	Whatman	547	-2	9.7	2.2	16.5
353	211	Whessoe	257	...	...	4.0	12.1
131	27	Whitecroft	109	...	...	...	...
17½	4½	Whittan	13½	...	...	...	...
169	44	Wilkes James	166	...	3.5	...	49.2
421	295½	Williams Hldg	397	-1	12.5	3.9	20.8
46	27	Wilshaw	41	...	...	1.7	26.1
920	575	Wolseley	890	-8	...	1.9	26.6
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
96	36	Young (H)	89	+1	...	4.6	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1995½	1197½	Alex & Alex	1425	+12½	...	4.7	...
2606½	1787½	Am Gen	1862½	+75	...	4.2	...
60	30	Archer (A)	75 †	-2	...	1.7	...
165	115	Bradstock	154	...	...	4.6	16.9
550	359½	Britannic	522	-15	...	2.8	...
711	556	Cml Union	650	-8	...	4.6	...
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1770	...	...	1.6	23.4
64	26	FAI	64	...	...	0.8	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	194	...	...	4.6	17.3
757	546	Gen Accident	675	-6	26.7	5.0	...
247	166	GRE	222	-6	7.1	4.0	18.5
457	295	Heath C E	444	-1	...	4.5	...
226	122	Hogg Gp	138	-1	8.1	7.4	12.5
315	255	Independent Ins	300	...	...	3.4	27.6
215	162	JIB Group	187	...	...	5.0	19.2
547	409½	Legal & Gen	510	-5	...	4.6	31.0
1261½	765½	Liberty Life	1237½	+6½	...	2.5	19.7
121	99	LMIT	111	...	...	...	...
471	402	Lloyds Abbey	447	-15	...	5.2	13.9
339	253	Lloyd Thomp	290	-1	6.7	2.9	18.0
445	274	Londn & Man	406	-3	14.7	4.5	29.9
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	461	-2	14.0	3.8	16.6
6747½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5012½	+137½	...	3.2	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	188	...	...	3.7	18.8
130	76	Ortel	115	...	...	5.4	...
83	50½	PWS	77 †	...	...	6.5	14.3
385	282½	Prudential	337	-9	...	4.6	22.4
404	266½	Refuge	386	-4	...	3.5	43.0
350	246	Royal	318	-4	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	186	-1	...	4.0	23.2
261	100	Steel Burrill	117	...	...	12.8	6.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	85 †	...	...	4.4	72.2
416	307	Sun Alliance	392	-2	14.2	4.5	...
91	50	Trade Indemnty	91	+1	...	...	...
464	375	Transatlantic	459	+1	12.0	3.3	42.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	658	...	15.1	2.9	28.7
245	171	Willis Corroon	217	-4	...	3.8	31.1
25	13½	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	2002	-11	45.5	2.8	...
161	124	BZW Conv	154	-1	7.8	6.3	...
219	133½	Bankers	214 †	-2	...	2.1	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	376	-2	6.4	2.1	...
240	131	Berry Starq	240	...	2.2	1.1	...
120½	96½	Br Assets	113	-½	...	4.7	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	95½	-½	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	42½	...	...	...	...
234	156	Br Inv	233	...	...	4.6	2.5
272	174	Brunner	271	-1	5.2	2.4	∞
221	130	Conti Asset	208	...	3.0	1.8	∞
195	143	Derby Inc	150 †	...	...	13.1	∞
325	195	-do- Cap	300	-10	...	...	...
100	62	Drayton Blue	98	-2	8.4	10.7	...
111	35	-do- Eng Intl	109	...	1.0	1.1	...
156	84	-do- Far East	146	...	0.6	0.5	...
171	95	-do- Korea	165	-2	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	777	...	...	4.1	...
106	76	-do- Japan	99½	-3½	...	...	...
80	34	-do- Warrants	72	-1½	...	...	...
827	513	-do- Wwde	819	-4	...	1.4	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	334	...	...	3.4	...
360	290½	Edinburgh	341	-3½	8.5	3.1	...
354	183	Electra Inv	340 †	...	...	2.6	...
220	141	Electric Gen	212	-2	3.1	1.9	...
127	85	English Scot	125	...	...	...	∞
345	205	European Asset	337	...	...	1.6	∞
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	169½	...	3.0	2.2	...
343	249	Fleming Amer	328½	-1	1.5	0.6	∞
145	91	Fleming Chinese	113	-2	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	72	-2	...	...	...
267	190½	-do- Claver	255	-1	5.5	2.7	∞
385	212	Do Contl	375	-2	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Emg	259	...	...	2.3	...
450	213	-do- F East	402	-4	1.1	0.3	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	407	...	3.0	0.9	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	111	...	...	5.0	...
273	136	-do- Japan	263	-6	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	337	-2	6.7	2.5	...
347½	212	-do- Oseas	339	-1½	4.2	1.6	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	297	-3	...	1.5	...
145	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	142	-1½	0.2	0.2	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	74½	-½	0.4	0.7	...
259	164	-do- Eurotr	256½	-1½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	128	...	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	360	-3	...	0.7	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	191	-½	1.8	1.2	...
303	145	GT Japan	277 †	-7	...	0.6	...
195	65	Genl Cons Cap	184	-7	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	...
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	-1½	...	...	...
151	94	-do- Emg Mkts	144	-1	...	...	...
110	96	Govett High Inc	101½	...	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	391	-3	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	335	-2	...	2.5	...
473	340	Greenfriar	473	...	6.6	1.8	∞
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
158	124	Inv Cap	157 †	-1	...	4.1	...
119	77	IRS UK Smllr	116	-1	2.8	3.0	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	235	-1	5.1	2.8	∞
272½	176	-do- O'seas	262	-1	3.4	1.6	∞
165	108	-do- Smlr	164	...	...	2.7	...
826	540	Law Debenture	799	-5	18.5	2.9	...
227	164	Majedie	226	...	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	315½	-2	...	4.4	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2843½	-6½	...	...	...
595	363	Monks Inv Tst	564½	-7½	...	1.5	...
158	215	Morg Grenf Inc	150	-1	...	3.8	...
64	23	Do Warrants	61	-1	...	...	...
148	56	Murray Ent	143 ‡	-1	...	1.7	∞
1290	1117½	-do- Pf 1994	1285	...	...	...	...
56	50	-do- Warrants	52	-2	...	...	...
67	39	Murray Extrn	65½	...	...	0.1	0.3
23½	4½	Do Wts	22	...	...	...	...
393	282	Murray Income	374	-3	10.0	3.6	...
395	266	-do- Intl	382 †	-4	11.6	3.8	...
548	323	-do- Small	540	...	...	1.6	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.8	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	161	-2	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3400	...	...	3.9	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	158	...	...	...	...
363	230	-do- Vent	344	...	...	4.0	...
95	68	Nthrop Inc	92 †	...	6.7	9.2	...
404	249	Oreats Inv Tst	387	-4	...	1.0	...
647	295	Pacific Assets	531	-6	1.1	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	435	-5	...	...	...
9350	7650	Personal Assets	9750	...	14.0	2.5	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	183	-2½	1.1	0.8	...
127	105	River & Merc	121	-2	9.2	9.5	...
465	350	Robeco	430	...	...	2.9	...
439	346	Rolinco	439	...	...	1.8	...
341	214	St Andrew Inv	341	+2	7.6	2.9	∞
183	131	Scot American	180½	...	4.6	3.2	∞
371	136	Scot Asian	316	-3	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	953	-12	...	...	...
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	95½	-1½	1.5	2.1	...
262½	185	Scottish Inv	252½	-3½	4.9	2.4	∞
264½	176	-do- Mlge	253	-3	4.0	2.0	...
133½	71	-do- Value	132½	-½	...	1.7	...
1795	1390	Second Allnce	1749	-10	...	2.8	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	101½	-1½	3.2	4.0	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	175½	-½	1.4	1.0	∞
51½	14	Sphere Inv	48 †	-1½	3.4	8.9	∞
205	112	TR Far East	184	-2	...	...	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	170½	-1	...	3.5	...
249	110	TR Pacific	205	-2	0.3	0.2	...
43½	17	TR Property	40½	-2	0.9	2.8	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	149	-2	1.7	1.5	...
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	225½	-1	...	2.1	...
412	265	Temple Bar	394	-2	13.2	4.2	...
135	69	Thrmtn Asian E	123	-1½	0.5	0.5	...
101	54	Throgmorton	99½	-½	2.3	2.9	...
553	363	Throg Dual Cp	535	-8	...	...	...
269	176	USDC Invest	264	...	4.5	2.1	...
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	129	...	4.0	3.6	...
257½	181	Witan	248½	-2	5.8	2.9	∞

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
589½	209	Airtours	586 †	-2	...	1.9	20.1
64	41	Ald Leis	46	...	...	8.2	15.0
668	194	Anglia TV	644 †	...	...	1.8	29.8
113	63	Baldwin	107	-1	4.6	5.4	14.5
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	268	...	10.0	4.3	18.6
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	-25	22.0	2.1	19.5
183	90	Border TV▲	175 †	...	3.6	2.6	14.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½	...	...	...	...
150	46	Bristol Scots	140	...	...	...	...
9	7½	Buckingham Intl	8½	...	8.7	15.8	...
292	44	Campari	69	...	...	...	...
439	171	Capital Radio	420	+1	...	1.7	37.0
1047	520	Carlton Comm	1006	-6	...	2.3	23.7
304	158	Castle Comm▲	298	...	...	3.6	19.8
3130	1615	Central TV	3065	-5	39.0	1.6	33.4
163	91	Chrysalis	156 †	-5	3.2	2.6	...
746	470	Compass Gp	738	-3	...	2.2	20.3
350	175	Eurocamp	270	...	9.7	4.5	11.1
1180	268	Euro Disney	400½	+9½	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
43	18	Ex-Lands	41	...	...	1.1	...
419	245	Fairline Boats	379	...	...	3.5	35.0
376	232	First Leisure	339	...	6.5	2.4	∞
479	403	Flextech▲	415 #	-10	0.5	0.2	...
946	298	GWR Gp▲	940	+32	9.0	1.2	∞
275	149	Grampian	274	...	6.5	3.0	19.0
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	17	...	...	...	...
129	19	HTV Group	124	...	...	...	55.1
65	30	Hi-Tec Sports	67	...	...	3.2	...
16½	5½	Kunick	16½	...	...	...	15.8
745	405	LWT Hldgs	738	+1	...	0.6	34.1
613	327	Man Utd	610	+5	...	4.0	24.6
46	7½	Northern	42	-1	...	...	8.1
146	50	Owners Abrd	120	-20	3.5	3.7	∞
89	33	The Pelican Gp	86	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
183	55	Prism Leisure▲	181 †	...	3.5	2.4	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	35	...	...	...	...
586	274	Radio Clyde▲	568 †	...	...	2.1	25.3
229	132	Ramsdens (H)	220	...	4.5	2.6	29.2
556	410	Scot TV	556	+5	10.3	2.3	27.4
37	13½	SelecTV▲	34½	-1	...	...	...
114	37	Southern Radio	105	+1	...	1.5	46.5
332	164	Stanley Leisure	315 ‡	...	...	2.1	25.2
145	115	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	87 †	...	...	2.9	4.6
138	44	Trans World▲	128	...	0.8	0.8	46.7
686	224	Ulster TV	686	+6	12.0	2.2	21.0
137	62	Vardon	125	...	0.8	0.8	29.5
319	110	Yorkshire TV	310	-12	3.5	1.3	...
120	83	Zetters Gp	110 †	...	8.0	9.1	12.4

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	5740½	+143½	...	3.9	25.8
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1818½	...	...	5.1	9.4
3675	1125	Ang Am	3080½	-134½	...	2.3	25.8
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	-½	...	...	...
405	115	Bakyrchik	345	-5	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	115½	-½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	34 †	-½	...	26.0	6.0
896	235	Buffels	714½	-3	...	9.1	6.4
6	1	Butte	4	...	...	...	...
930½	546	CRA	911	-18½	...	2.3	29.2
51	11	Cluff Res	50	...	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1618½	-31½	...	3.0	22.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	122½	-1	...	1.6	8.9
96	7	Doornfontein	40½	...	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	761	-11½	...	4.4	12.5
788	120	Durban	595½	+4½	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	117½	-5½	...	9.3	3.5
175	35	E Rand Prop	97½	-½	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	374½	-14	...	5.4	∞
1239	292	FS Cons	899½	+7	...	6.9	12.1
80	8	FS Dev	44	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1362½	-18½	...	2.9	22.9
150	62½	Gencor	126½	+5	...	7.1	14.2
80½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	74½	-1½	...	1.9	30.5
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	17½	...	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	125½	-1½	...	7.9	7.9
416	78	Harmony	377½	-2	...	...	...
430	87	Harties	374½	-5	...	7.5	9.3
20½	8½	Inocon▲	19	-½	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	868½	+3½	...	3.3	27.0
16½	6	Kenmare Res▲	14½	...	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	1037½	-9½	...	6.0	11.5
913	319	Kloof	693	-7½	...	3.5	8.2
137	25	Leslie	87 †	-1	...	13.0	4.7
359	13	Loraine	221	+1½	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	912	-8	...	2.1	...
149	80	MTM	145½	-3½	...	1.6	63.3
1512	820	Minorco	1283	-43	...	3.0	15.1
201½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	163½	-17½	...	2.7	28.2
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2475	+56½	...	5.1	14.6
899	607	RTZ	874	-3	...	2.8	24.7
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
801½	150	Randfontein	612½	+4½	...	6.7	6.1
295	115	Renison	280	-5	...	1.6	24.0
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1121½	...	...	2.9	25.6
756	191	St Helena	608 †	-2	...	6.9	12.8
2887½	475	Southvaal	1896½	+15½	...	5.0	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	73½	+½	...	28.1	13.7
201	58	Unisel	121 †	+1	...	3.7	11.6
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	5953½	-21½	...	4.6	∞
813	154	Welkom	603½	-12½	...	5.6	13.5
640	26	Western Areas	540½	+14½	...	4.9	3.8
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2490½	+34½	...	4.5	∞
398	176	Wstrn Mining	381½	-3½	...	1.3	...
1225	321½	Winkels	807½	+3½	...	5.2	8.5
84	49	Zambia Copper	66	+1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	-5	...	8.4	19.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	243	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	78	Appleyard	167	...	...	3.9	...
380	203	Bletchley Mtr	380	+5	...	3.0	19.3
230	120	Bostrom	230	+5	6.0	3.3	40.7
584	165	Br Aerospace	549	-16	7.3	1.7	...
58	19½	Burodene	54 †	+3	...	4.1	14.5
465	303	Caffyns	450	...	11.5	3.2	23.8
22	4½	Caverdale	21	-1	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	129	...	4.0	4.0	∞
43	18	Clnk (DC)▲	41	...	0.9	2.7	23.3
348	156	Cowie (T)	344	-2	6.6	2.4	26.2
176	86	Dag Motors	178	...	5.7	4.0	32.2
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	155	...	4.2	3.4	∞
330	155	ERF	326	+3	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	170	...	...	2.7	23.9
499	208	Evans Halshaw	498	...	11.4	2.9	76.7
293	211	FR Group	288	...	...	3.1	13.4
4718½	2843½	Ford Motor	4718½	+87½	...	...	...
4381½	2143½	General Mtr	4381½	+137½	...	1.2	...
88	38	Gowrings	88	...	2.0	2.8	...
343	85	Henlys	341	...	3.5	1.3	...
1083½	769	Honda Motor	1018½	-3	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
116	66	Jessups	116	+3	4.5	4.8	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	176	-1	...	2.5	24.9
573	281	Lex Service	549	-5	...	2.6	30.0
261	85	Lookers	261	+2	6.5	3.2	∞
234	126	Lucas	225	...	...	3.9	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	28½	...	...	...	...
305	224½	Pendragon	305	+3	...	3.6	25.1
238	101½	Perry Gp	237	...	...	3.7	...
211	108	Quicks Group	211	...	...	2.8	27.0
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	182½	+2½	...	3.4	...
349	164	T & N	342	-2	...	5.6	34.5
299	163	Trinity Hldgs	299	+2	...	2.3	28.0
218	125	Vardy (Reg)	218	...	...	2.5	25.5
334	121	Westland	330 †	+23	...	1.7	23.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
330	103	Adscene	315	+25	5.7	2.3	32.0
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	359	+9	...	3.3	13.4
400	275	Bristol	400	...	...	3.8	36.1
£134½	7775	Daily Mail	£134½ †	+100	...	1.4	31.4
£134½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£134½ †	+100	...	1.4	31.4
355	210	Dorling Kind	267	+2	...	1.5	24.2
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6537½	...	...	1.4	22.4
476	322	EMAP	466	...	...	2.2	28.7
1550	873	Euromoney Pb	1550	...	...	1.3	27.3
264	154	Harrington K	189	...	4.7	3.1	15.4
515	155½	Haynes Pub	478	...	...	1.9	26.7
380	334	Hodder H'line	380	...	5.1	1.7	32.3
180	99	Home Counts	180	...	5.2	3.6	...
188	30	Intl Bus Comm	187	+2	...	...	37.1
15	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	10½	-½	...	...	...
510	240	Independent	493	-5	...	2.5	26.6
638	395	Johnston Press	635	...	6.5	1.3	27.5
356	243	Metal Bulletn	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
203	88	Mirror Gp	186	...	...	...	...
555	297	News Corp	499	-7½	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	303	+2	...	0.6	18.6
735	342	Pearson	712	-1	...	2.1	38.7
758	510	Portsmth Sund	758	+5	...	1.6	20.9
964	618	Reed Intl	941	+6	...	2.3	41.0
249	96	Southnews	249	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
196	90	Sterling Pub▲	196	+1	...	2.0	23.8
563	328	Telegraph	563	...	...	2.7	23.6
885	715	Thomson Corp	855	...	30.1	4.4	42.5
472	313	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	27.6
39	21	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
731	480½	Utd Newspaprs	726	+1	...	3.7	20.2

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	27½	-½	...	...	26.5
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	44	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	+1	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	60	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
233	145	Br Borneo	229	...	7.1	3.9	6.9
361½	276	British Gas	338	-1½	14.2	5.3	16.3
392½	225	Br Petroleum	390½	+5½	8.4	2.7	30.7
3½	1	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	673	Burmah Castrl	870	...	...	3.6	20.3
68	32	Cairn Energy	60	...	...	...	8.6
375	223	Calor Gp	347	...	...	4.3	18.9
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	42	...	...	...	...
44	26	Coplex Res	26½	+½	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs▲	25½	-½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	464	+1	...	4.3	25.5
68	26	Exp Co Louis	45	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	...	...	4.0	9.6
10½	4	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62½	-1	1.4	2.8	12.0
36	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	159	-1	...	11.8	14.8
55	19½	Kelt Energy	49	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	134½	-½	...	3.1	27.3
103	65	-do- Units	66	...	0.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res▲	4½	-1	...	...	...
63	34	Monument	62½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
60	27	Oil Search	49	...	...	...	...
25	11½	Petroz	25	-½	...	...	...
162	90	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
29½	16	Premier	27½	-½	...	...	10.1
168	50	Presidio	156	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	383	...	...	4.3	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7225	+12½	...	4.1	18.3
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4037½	+69½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	731	-12½	22.9	3.9	22.6
203	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
18½	6	Villers Grp	18	...	...	...	...
226½	135	Woodside	228½	+4½	...	1.6	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	182	-1	...	3.6	16.5
484	249	API	434 †	...	...	2.4	27.2
296	144	Arjo Wiggins	296	+12	...	2.7	47.8
673	408	Abbot Mead	673	...	9.5	1.8	35.3
41	13	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
212	116	Aspen Comm▲	203	+3	4.9	3.0	16.4
26	7	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
467	323	Bemrose	463	+1	...	3.6	21.3
30½	7	Birkdale	11½	-½	...	...	...
175	116	Bunzl	172	+2	4.0	2.9	25.9
430	257	CIA Gp	428	...	4.4	1.3	27.0
200	93	Capital Inds	177	...	...	2.5	16.9
93	44	City of Lon▲	40	+1	...	5.3	16.6
417	169	Cropper (James)	417	+13	3.2	1.0	40.3
106	51	Delyn Group	106	...	1.6	2.0	14.3
137	94	Dolphin Pack	130	...	4.5	4.3	32.1
87	42	Dudley Jenkns▲	81	...	...	4.9	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	17½	...	...	2.7	15.4
91	41	Fairway Group▲	91	...	3.2	1.5	36.8
409	271	Ferguson Intl	405	...	...	3.6	18.3
180	92	Ferry Pick	140	...	...	5.0	37.8
227	74	Filofax▲	225	...	...	0.8	29.0
20	8	Fitch	13	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	147 †	...	5.2	4.4	16.6
295	205	Gold Greenless	252	...	8.4	4.2	22.4
41	17	Goodhead	30 †	...	...	0.2	∞
68	19	Hunterprint	20	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	159	...	...	0.1	11.7
289	191	Jarvis Porter	191	-1	...	2.1	26.9
33½	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	33½	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	423	...	13.2	3.9	50.6
146	46	NMC Group	137	...	2.7	2.5	21.2
300	66	Osborne & Little	296	...	...	2.3	32.5
60	6½	Osprey Comms	56	...	...	0.2	...
575	455	Portals	572	...	...	3.2	19.7
3½	0½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
318	159	Quarto	316	...	...	2.3	19.6
391	270	St Ives Gp	390	-11	...	1.8	25.7
186	133	Saatchi	147	-3	...	...	...
529½	292	Sappi	522	-3½	...	6.3	9.9
30½	8½	Serif	29	...	...	...	...
55½	14	Shandwick	54½	...	...	...	...
517	294	Smith David	516 †	-1	...	2.4	35.2
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	344	-2	...	1.5	8.3
119	45	Somic	119	...	2.5	2.6	46.8
246	183	Spu-Plus	246	...	8.4	4.3	21.9
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	31	...	0.3	1.3	26.0
141	38	VTR▲	139	-1	...	3.4	20.9
122	40	WPP	120	...	...	1.0	4.5
264	162	Wace	250	...	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	255	...	...	4.0	19.1
479	270	Watmough	476	...	...	1.5	37.3
7	3	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whinney Mck▲	36	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103 †	...	...	1.6	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	128	...	...	3.4	33.2
48	35	Arcadian	46	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	9½	...	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	141	-1	...	1.9	14.8
191	88	Avonside	184	...	4.1	2.8	25.7
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2400	-3½	...	...	...
765	396	Bilton	756	-1	18.9	3.1	27.3
98	17	Bourne End	9½	+1	...	1.3	...
276	150	Bradford	274	-1	5.9	2.7	27.8
23	5	Bredero	21	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	461 †	-2	...	1.9	12.0
276	140½	Brixton	262	-6	...	4.0	20.6
123	42	Burford	122	...	...	1.3	...
216	99	Cap & Regnl▲	216	...	1.3	0.8	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270 †	...	2.5	1.2	...
185	177	Chelsfield	180	...	...	1.7	...
665	196	Chesterfield	655	...	11.5	2.2	46.9
83	12	City Site Ests	74	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	30	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
62	34	Conrad Rbtsn GS	60	+1	...	...	...
1755	818	Daejan	1755 †	...	...	1.9	21.7
65	5	Dares Estates	22	-½	...	...	...
155	53	Debenhm Twsn	155 †	...	...	2.7	29.4
17	4	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
189	76	Dencora	188	...	3.0	2.0	...
723	263	Derwent Hldgs	723	...	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	40	-½	...	...	...
36	24	Dwyer	63	...	...	...	...
406	170	Estates Agency	406	...	...	3.3	48.2
47	7½	Estates Gen	42½	...	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	128	...	...	2.3	22.6
37	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
74	30	Fletcher King	73 †	...	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	276½	Frogmore	534	-1	...	3.7	25.7
321	97	Grainger	319 †	...	...	2.1	57.0
260	116½	Gr Portland	244	-5	...	4.1	23.3
23½	3½	Greycoat	21 †	-1	...	...	...
264	101	HK Land	247½	-6½	...	2.6	32.6
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	84	-2	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	422	+3	10.0	3.0	42.7
377	127	Helical Bar	376	-1	...	1.6	13.5
40½	19	Hemingway	38½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	64	...	3.7	6.8	17.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	768	-2	23.1	3.8	22.9
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	120 †	+1	4.0	4.2	18.7
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	12	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	529	-7	...	4.7	30.4
13	5	McInerney A	13	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	185 †	...	3.5	2.4	25.4
8½	2½	Markheath	5½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	77	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	51	-1	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1275 †	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	112	Mucklow (A&J)	196	...	...	3.9	30.5
70	30	Olives Prop	65	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	2	...	...	...	...
191	88	PSIT	187	...	4.3	2.9	37.1
399	138	Peel	393	-1	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	8½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	45	...	...	...	12.8
63	33	Raglan	50	...	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	37	-½	...	...	...
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
64	16	St Modwen Prp	61	...	0.9	1.8	46.5
78	30	Saville Grdn (I)	75 †	...	...	4.5	37.4
100	39	Savills	88 †	-3	...	2.5	34.8
112	37½	Scot Met	106	...	...	1.8	...
135	39	Shaftesbury	133	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	0.5
313	139½	Slough Estates	297	-7	...	3.4	20.8
103	56	Southend Prop	101 †	...	...	3.0	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps▲	29	...	...	...	...
244	114	Tops Ests	244 †	...	2.1	1.1	...
120	79	Town Centre	110	...	...	2.7	28.6
106	43	Trafford Park	106	...	...	3.3	24.4
58	17	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
316	180	Warner	309	...	10.4	4.2	28.2
247	168	Warnford	247	...	7.5	3.8	17.9
8	2	Waterglade	4½	...	...	...	...
103	34	Wates	103	+1	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John D▲	103 †	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic▲	34	...	...	...	...
218	84	Headlam	215	+1	...	1.7	48.5
500	285	Lambert	398	+23	13.2	4.2	9.7
100	41	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	30	Strong & Fisher	24	+2	1.0	5.2	6.7
250	89	Stylo	249	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	62	...	...	5.2	2.0

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
616	408	Allied Text	615	...	12.9	2.7	∞
71	54	Beckman (A)	68	...	...	6.6	14.6
41	21	Bolton Gp	26	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	210	...	8.5	5.1	19.7
53	15	Chartwell▲	48	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gt	358	...	7.5	2.6	22.4
601	449	Courtauld Text	580	-1	13.9	3.0	15.9
53½	20	Cupid▲	24	+2	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	141	-3	...	6.1	10.7
47	22	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
99	65	Faupel▲	77 †	...	4.9	8.0	11.9
34	15	Foster (John)	28	...	...	...	...
164	82	Gaskell	164	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	234	+1	...	2.2	16.6
90	45	Jerome (S)	65	...	...	0.4	...
480	249	Lamont	480	+2	12.0	3.1	31.7
515	353½	Leeds	501	...	...	2.1	17.6
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.2	...
215	90	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
266	77½	Parkland	265 ‡	...	...	0.8	...
111½	82	Readicut	111½	-½	...	3.9	21.0
66	35	SEET	56	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	140	...	...	4.8	9.7
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
330	250	Tomkinsons	325 †	...	...	4.4	27.6
59	30½	West Trust	44	+1	...	7.7	...
390	126	Yorklyde	273	...	...	2.5	17.9

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1245	407	BAT	510	...	...	4.7	15.3
495	315½	Rothmans	458	-4	...	3.4	14.4

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
623	349	Assoc Br Ports	618	-3	...	1.8	...
1083	707	BAA	1054	-12	...	2.0	26.2
128	106	Badgerline	123	...	...	4.2	14
496½	249	Br Airways	475	-4	...	2.8	21.3
113	56	Clarkson (H)	108	...	1.7	2.0	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	567	-8	...	...	...
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
293	147	IoM Steam	289	...	...	3.6	15.2
55	24	Jacobs (JI)	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	104	...	...	1.2	14.8
534	264	Mersey Docks	528	-6	...	2.1	35.9
282	181	Nat Express	274	-2	...	3.2	28.3
291	218	NFC	269 †	-4	...	3.3	20.8
348	244	Ocean Group	334	-9	...	5.4	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	85	+1	4.0	5.9	15.4
728	504	P & O Dfd	708	-3	...	5.4	38.4
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	...	...	4.4	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	674	-2	...	4.2	21.4
241	117	Seacon▲	241	+3	5.4	2.8	15.2
190	112	Stagecoach	199	+6	...	2.4	24.2
119½	31½	TNT	110½	+1	...	...	...
895	634	Tibbet & Britn	895	...	12.6	1.8	34.3
382	37	Tiphook	67	+3	...	...	...
327	227	TDG	324	-2	...	3.7	10.7
128	98	Ugland	124	+1	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	563 †	-12	...	4.8	11.2
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
761	547	Northumbrian	723 †	-2	...	4.0	8.5
611	431½	North West	574 †	-10	...	4.8	9.5
645	439	Severn Trent	616 †	-6	...	4.4	9.5
665	454	Sthrn Water	644 †	-20	...	4.3	10.4
1605	1235	Sth Staffs	1578	...	46.5	3.8	11.2
675	465	South West	646 †	-13	...	4.7	10.4
611	454	Thames Water	577	-9	...	4.7	11.3
744	508	Welsh Water	723 †	-7	...	4.2	7.3
759½	536	Wessex Water	732 †	-1	...	3.8	11.6
630	477½	Yorkshire W	605 †	-7	...	4.5	10.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109½	100	Treas 14½% 1994	100 †	...	14.50	...
109¾	101¼	Exch 13½% 1994	101¼	...	13.27	4.91
105⅞	101¼	Treas 10% 1994	101⅞	...	9.85	4.99
110½	103⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	103⅛ †	...	12.03	5.03
105⅞	102⅝	Treas 9% 1994	102⅝	...	8.74	4.99
111⅞	106⅞	Treas 12% 1995	106⅞	...	11.27	4.95
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.77
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107¼	...	9.57	5.08
116½	112⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	112⅞	-⅛	11.33	5.19
120½	115½	Treas 14% 1996	115⅞	-⅛	12.08	5.29
129½	120⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅞	-⅛	12.67	5.39
120⅞	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116½	-⅛	11.37	5.40
112⅝	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111½	-⅛	9.00	5.57
127⅞	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	-⅛	11.03	5.22
114⅝	110⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	113½ †	-⅛	9.28	5.71
110½	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	109⅞ †	-⅛	8.00	5.77
132⅞	127⅞	Exch 15% 1997	129½	-⅛	11.56	5.93
114⅞	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	113⅞	-⅛	8.62	5.95
106⅞	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	104⅞	-⅛	6.91	5.89
107⅞	101⅛	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104⅛	-⅛	6.91	5.89
102⅞	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅞	...	6.64	5.31
131½	125½	Treas 14% 1998-01	129⅞	-⅛	10.83	6.11
140⅞	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅞	-⅛	11.25	6.02
126½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	123⅞	-⅛	9.70	6.18
116⅞	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	114⅞	-⅛	8.32	6.10

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅞	98½	Treas 6% 1999	100⅞ †	-⅛	5.99	5.97
128½	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	125⅞	-⅛	9.73	6.26
121½	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	119⅞	-⅛	8.82	6.20
121½	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	118⅞	-⅛	8.62	6.29
116⅛	106	Conv 9% 2000	113⅞ †	-⅛	7.92	6.24
136⅞	125½	Treas 13% 2000	133⅞	-⅛	9.72	6.49
105½	97⅞	Treas 7% 2001	103½	-⅛	6.76	6.40
122⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	119⅛ †	-⅛	8.39	6.56
123⅞	108⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	119⅞ †	-⅛	8.14	6.68
113⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	109⅞	-⅛	7.26	6.53
127⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2003	122⅞ †	-⅛	8.14	6.72
129⅞	116⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126⅞	-⅛	9.09	6.73
86½	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82⅞	-⅛	4.26	5.81
105⅞	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 2004	101⅛	-⅛	6.66	6.57
125⅞	105⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	120⅞	-⅛	7.89	6.78
125⅞	105⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	120⅞	-⅛	7.86	6.70
143⅞	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138⅞	-⅛	8.99	6.94
111½	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	107⅛	-⅛	7.42	6.77
112⅞	94⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	108⅞ †	-⅛	7.17	6.77
136⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	131⅞	-⅛	8.91	6.91
119⅞	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	114⅞	-⅛	7.41	6.82
151⅞	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	147⅞	-⅛	9.18	6.94
124⅞	101½	Treas 9% 2008	119⅞	-⅛	7.51	6.83

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	110⅞	-1⅛	7.23	6.84
126½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	121½	-½	7.39	6.84
127½	100½	Treas 9% 2012	122½	-½	7.35	6.84
94	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88½ †	-⅛	6.24	6.61
114½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	109½	-1½	7.07	6.79
117½	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013	112⅞	-⅛	7.11	6.83
159½	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	153½	-⅛	7.84	7.00
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While business has become increasingly global, tax systems remain national in approach and often nationalistic in outlook. While paying homage to the god of free trade, governments frequently see foreign businesses as a political soft touch for raising taxes.

The tax advice international businesses need requires more than intimate knowledge of local tax laws, consolidated into a group plan. International tax advice is about devising solutions that are not only efficient in each territory but, more important, produce the optimal solution for the group as a whole.

Avoiding the same profit being taxed in more than one country and ensuring profit can be repatriated without unreasonable tax penalty is essential. A global overview is essential.

The only effective way to secure quality advice of this kind is to have a multinational team from one organisation, familiar with working with a common approach, to common standards, and working truly as a team. It may be possible to assemble such a team from different organisations, but it is hard to envisage this working successfully on any significant scale, if at all, given that different firms will have different cultures, do not have shared experiences and databases and will often regard each other more as competitors than members of the same team. Hence, firms such as Coopers & Lybrand have developed international teams for each of their multinational clients who are used to working together and who can provide global solutions to global tax problems.

In some countries tax advice is more often given by lawyers than is the case in the UK. However, there are few parts of the world where firms such as Coopers & Lybrand do not have significant international tax capability. On the other hand, the lawyers have yet to develop international groupings other than on a limited basis; the Big Six accounting firms have 3,600 offices in 130 countries. The six largest firms of UK solicitors have between them only 62 offices in 20 countries.

International tax planning requires a clear understanding of the commercial objectives of the group. Many of the issues, dividend planning and transfer pricing for example, require skills in numeracy. Here the accountants are best placed to advise. Often, agreements will have to be made with local tax authorities and again the accountants, with their regular contacts with the fiscal authorities, are the people who should negotiate on behalf of the client. There are two other areas where the international approach and capability are essential:

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The author is head of tax at Coopers & Lybrand



ALAN WELLER

Peter Wyman says team work is the answer to global advice

Dial ICA for deep disillusionment

IT IS always a bad sign when organisations become obsessed with how they answer telephones. Everyone who has glanced at a management book over the past decade knows that being customer-driven starts with ensuring that the first contact that a prospective customer or user makes with an organisation had better be a good, useful and fruitful one. And invariably that means paying some attention to telephone manners. The problem comes when organisations then become obsessed with that sort of detail and fail to notice that much greater disasters are looming.

So it is with the English ICA. It has just issued the report from its members support task force. This was set up to try to counter a rising tide of criticism by producing sensible reforms and initiatives that would allay the genuine frustration felt by the members. But the report does little to engage with the real problems. "Members feel abandoned and without support in a hostile world" was the comment the task force received from several quarters. The report's response is mostly flannel and reflects the obsession with telephones.

"Helplines" are to be set up, "direct dial numbers should be promoted wherever possible", and the whole panoply of service-related initiatives is to be rolled out. Yet none of these gets to the heart of the problem. The institute is just too big.

Institute staff are knee deep in courses that will train them to "smile when they answer the telephone," while all the great accounting issues of the day are left mouldering in pigeon-holes.

The panic that this frightening obsession with the internal workings of the place engenders has spread to the council. Once the press had been cleared from the council meeting last week, Michael Chamberlain, the institute president, tore the council off a strip for the huge number of leaked documents that had found their way into the media. Now the institute's hapless administrative supremo, Paul Glicker, is engaged in an extraordinary exercise to construct some sort of a matrix that will show which council members would have had copies of which leaked reports. The threat is that when names overlap among the diagrams and arrows on his sheets of graph paper, questions will be asked and resignations requested.

It is all, frankly, ludicrous. And it is no wonder that senior partners of some of the largest firms are now so deeply disillusioned that they are suggesting that they will fund some kind of director-general post for the institute, in the hope that changes can be made. Presidents, they argue, are transitory, while chief executives are too tied up in telephone cord to relay an effective message to the outside world.

The much-leaked report to the Department of Trade and Industry of the three chartered institutes' audit monitoring efforts for last year shows just what important issues are being sidelined. The report shows that many of the areas of auditing are, as expected, of a high standard. But when it comes to the firms that have been inspected as the result of complaints, the report shows that standards are low. All that is fairly predictable. And although complaints are still on the increase, there must be a hope that many of the worst offenders have now been weeded out. The only real worry for the profession is that the Government review into how the whole audit regulation system is working may suggest more inspectors, more paperwork and more cost. In the report, the figure which ought to have brought a degree of sense to the accounting bodies is the one that shows that by the end of this year the costs of audit regulation since the inception of the scheme in 1989-90 are expected to hit £16 million. It is that which ought to set alarm bells ringing and should provide the agenda. And it is that sort of issue which the institute, at its most senior levels, should be dealing with.

But instead, the English institute is hell-bent on creating an even bigger and yet more unmanageable accounting body by putting all its current political efforts into attempting a merger of the whole profession. The whole tone of the members support task force report suggests that the institute is already too unwieldy, unable to cope with members' diverse interests and floundering. Even the institute's beloved telephone survey suggests that members really do not mind about the detail. If someone had asked them about things they cared about, the furore about internal control proposals perhaps, then they would undoubtedly have had some good strong views.

Or they might have just simply observed that when a great accounting body loses its identity and purpose, all it is left with is footling with the phones.



ROBERT BRUCE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Currie in favour

KREMLIN watchers at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales were intrigued to notice that the first two people on the agenda to speak at last week's council meeting were, surely coincidentally, the two people revealed at the start of the meeting to be the deadly rivals in this year's race for the vice-presidency. And, judging by their performance, it's a one-horse race. Brian Currie, ex-Arthur Andersen partner and brother-in-law of novelist-manque MP, Edwina Currie, exuded confidence. He was relaxed, witty, avuncular, the master of the raised eyebrow and the knowing smile. But when his opponent, Coopers & Lybrand partner Chris Laine, stood up to present his members support task force report he was hit by a hurricane of protest. Council member Susan Gompels was furious that the report had been issued to the press before the meeting, complete with a note that it had been passed by council. "Are we participating in a charade," she bawled. Laine, sad to say, could only splutter about embargoes. It looks like it's Currie who'll find favour.

At the double

ONLY a great leap in the imagination could save the forthcoming pestilence of Pacioli celebrations from sending the entire nation into a deep and welcome slumber. Not content with sneakily getting its celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Venetian monk's invention of double-entry bookkeeping off the ground a week ahead of the Scots institute's efforts, the English ICA is about to unleash its secret weapon. On the opening day of the exhibition, it intends sending a Pacioli look-alike out into the City streets, habit, hood and all, to drum up visitors. We must just pray they hire someone from a silent order.

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Property Share	90.98	96.45	-0.04	1.51
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Pacific	124.40	132.30	-1.40	0.61
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Gilt & Fxd Int	63.13	65.25	-0.28	7.94
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Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.70	151.81	-1.95	5.41
Managed Fund	72.30	76.91	-0.36	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.21	49.16	-0.03	1.72
UK & General	83.46	88.79	-1.36	2.44
UK Growth	146.29	155.63	-2.20	1.57
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.68	204.98	-0.01	...
Far Eastern Grth	151.16	160.81	+1.47	0.26
Global Bond	89.38	94.97	+0.82	5.64
Japan Growth	129.35	137.61	+1.48	..
North Amer Grth	167.64	178.34	+1.71	..
Oriental Growth	92.45	98.35	+1.11	..
Worldwide Growth	67.75	72.07	+0.48	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.73	92.73	+0.01	4.67
Homemaker Fund	81.26	86.45	-0.82	1.72
Quilter Fund	141.93	150.98	-2.68	1.97
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 560				
Growth Inc	61.92	65.87	-0.71	2.40
High Income	36.30	38.61	-0.35	4.30
Japan	37.34	39.72	+0.18	..
Smaller Cos Inc	34.20	36.38	+0.07	2.10
Smaller Cos	35.59	37.86	+0.08	2.10
North American	34.26	36.44	+0.51	0.50
European	38.35	40.79	+0.04	0.40
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	34.12	36.50		4.06
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 356				
Growth	155.50	165.50	-3.40	1.55
Income	90.91	96.07	-0.64	3.64
European	62.57	66.57	+0.31	0.42
Recovery	145.90	155.30	-1.30	1.43
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	386.20	409.20		3.40
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	77.23	82.17	-0.18	1.73
Income	259.00	272.40	-4.20	4.13
Smaller Cos	163.00	173.50	-0.50	1.17
Inv Portfolio	82.37	87.63	-0.51	1.36
High Income Port	72.64	77.26	-1.14	4.39
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1532.8	1562.5		
Japan Small Cos	1232.1	1256.2		
UK Small Cos	1966.7	2005.8		
US Small Cos	1762.5	1797.5		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	294.20	312.01		2.73
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	266.90	283.00	+0.20	1.37
New Asia	251.60	272.00	+3.00	0.29
Japan Growth	120.80	128.20	+1.40	..
Jap Smllr Co	134.70	143.70	+2.10	..
Nth Amer	257.90	273.00	+2.00	0.89
Shltrd Asia Pac Mkt	141.10	149.20	+1.20	0.42
UK Inc & Grth	237.20	249.90	-3.70	3.22
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	151.20	156.90	-0.20	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	167.40	174.90	-2.30	4.47
UK Pref & F I Inc	62.44	67.26	-0.37	4.66
Envrnmntl Opps	96.36	102.50	-0.26	1.37
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 47 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	126.20	134.10	+1.00	0.15
Convertibles	25.87	27.85	-0.06	5.60
Equity Income	144.00	153.40	-2.00	3.27
EuroFund	49.07	51.67	-0.15	0.62
Financial	55.17	58.52	-1.35	1.36
Growth & Inc	251.40	266.77	-1.20	2.74
High Dist	171.80	182.60	-2.40	7.06
International	422.10	449.91	+2.00	0.22
Intl Income	102.50	109.40	-1.40	2.36
Latin American	58.95	62.63	+1.36	0.20
Pacific	94.93	100.90	+1.16	..
Preference Share	26.15	27.78	-0.26	5.38
Tokyo	229.10	243.60	+0.50	
UK Smaller Cos	256.20	272.20	+0.21	1.46
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 78538				
Elcon Trust	234.40	250.20		
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	221.10	235.20	...	0.76
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	91.20	95.57	+0.44	1.12
Far Eastern	141.28	149.24	-2.24	1.24
High Income	142.34	152.99	-1.56	4.01
Intl Growth	132.32	139.28	+0.36	0.37
North American	123.72	130.23	-1.30	1.12
Pelican	127.58	134.29	-1.20	2.69
Smaller Cos	90.74	94.98	+0.01	1.75
Special Sits	100.02	105.28	-0.30	1.47
Tst of Inv Tsts	201.71	212.37	-1.12	1.72
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	225.02	239.61	-0.16	1.51
Smaller Cos Acc	289.56	297.51	-1.14	1.51
Recovery	61.00	63.54	-0.45	1.79
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	119.58	126.98	-0.83	4.52
Capital Growth	89.90	95.34	-1.6	
FC of Inv Tsts	48.71	51.96	-0.43	0.21
High Income	49.03	53.26	-0.52	1.24
Warrant	68.96	76.36	+0.57	..
Zero Preference	37.95	40.27	+0.16	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	80.56	85.70		2.12
Family Income Tst	54.51	57.98		5.04
Family Trust	91.54	96.63	...	1.11
United Charities	272.00	290.30		2.71

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		4.70
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.75	26.11	-0.11	3.02
-do- Europe	24.34	25.66	+0.01	4.54
-do- America	24.19	25.49	+0.26	0.37
-do- Acc Japan	27.84	29.56	-0.41	0.57
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.46	31.74	-0.09	6.12
Intl Bond	32.82	34.21	-0.41	4.70
Income Funds				
High Income	29.99	31.56	-0.20	4.50
Income Plus	131.80	140.20	-1.90	3.57
Amer Eq Inc	50.04	53.08	+0.66	1.67
European Income	46.90	49.65	+0.26	2.15
Far East Inc	67.50	72.16	+1.28	2.11
Global Convertible	26.14	27.89	-0.05	1.93
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.92	71.39	+0.56	
American	248.10	263.10	+4.00	..
Amer Spec Sits	115.40	123.10	+1.50	..
Japan Smaller Cos	43.20	46.08	+0.62	..
European	170.20	181.00	-0.40	..
European Opps	63.08	67.08	+0.55	..
UK Growth	93.68	99.81	-0.79	..
Growth & Inc	164.90	175.40	-2.40	2.23
Intl PEP	37.77	40.16	+0.02	..
Japan Spec Sits	95.72	102.30	+0.30	...
Japan	202.60	215.60	+2.10	...
Managed Intl	279.90	298.80	+2.30	...
Moneybuilder	55.87	59.60	+0.19	...
Recovery	48.70	51.70	+0.18	..
South E Asia	181.40	193.50	+2.20	...
Special Sits	570.80	607.00	+0.70	..
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	115.80	121.90	-2.20	2.88
UK Reverse Index	71.63	75.52	+1.45	4.82
Europe Index	120.40	126.80	+1.70	4.21
-do- Reverse Index	63.44	67.27	+1.51	8.47
America Index	104.80	110.30	+0.90	0.71
-do- Reverse Index	94.71	99.80	+1.15	0.84
Japan Index	137.60	144.90	+0.40	0.75
-do- Reverse Index	93.69	98.94	+3.89	1.42
Cash Accum Units	104.34	104.34	+0.01	4.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	150.90	154.10	-2.00	1.46
Inc Pfolio	96.99	99.84	-0.93	3.23
Cap Pfolio	156.90	159.70	-1.60	0.55
General Opps	138.40	140.40	-1.80	3.08
Growth Inc	33.04	33.69	-0.46	2.03
Private Portfolio	444.40	452.50	-3.30	1.35
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 200L, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypn Foreign & Colonial				
European	117.00	123.70	-0.20	...
Far Eastern	195.90	210.20	+2.00	..
High Income	23.36	24.86	-0.18	10.16
Oseas Income	104.10	111.30	-0.90	2.66
UK Growth	122.40	130.90	-1.70	0.73
UK Income	117.10	125.40	-1.60	4.75
US Smaller Cos	305.40	326.60	+5.00	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	53.09	56.48	-0.42	3.64
-do- Inv Tst Inc	83.12	88.43	+0.14	3.51
Intl Growth	76.91	81.92	..	1.11
Investment Trust	97.77	104.01	+0.34	0.21
UK Smaller Cos	87.70	93.30	-0.24	1.16
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	57.52	61.33	+0.57	.
(Accum Units)	57.52	61.33	+0.57	..
Amer Smllr Cos	514.20	549.80	+9.30	..
(Accum Units)	525.30	561.70	+9.40	..
Capital Tst	344.90	366.80		1.25
(Accum Units)	485.50	516.40		1.25
Contl Smllr Cos	60.65	65.17	+0.49	0.19
(Accum Units)	63.40	68.13	+0.51	0.19
Convertible	147.50	156.80	+0.20	4.33
(Accum Units)	285.60	303.70	+0.30	4.33
Emerging Markets	94.82	101.30	+2.15	..
(Accum Units)	94.82	101.30	+2.07	
European	121.10	128.70	-0.20	0.09
(Accum Units)	126.30	134.20	-0.20	0.09
Extra Income	364.30	387.50	-2.30	2.99
(Accum Units)	528.10	561.70	-3.50	2.99
Financial	128.70	138.50	-1.10	0.29
(Accum Units)	134.70	144.90	-1.10	0.29
Gilt Trust	70.58	72.77	-1.72	5.12
(Accum Units)	93.44	96.34	-2.27	5.12
Health Fund Inc	147.90	158.00	-2.30	..
(Accum Units)	147.90	158.00	-2.30	..
Income & Growth	213.80	227.40	-1.80	2.96
(Accum Units)	309.70	329.40	-2.50	2.96
Intl Growth	392.60	421.50	+3.60	..
(Accum Units)	436.00	468.00	+4.00	..
Japan & Gen	199.50	213.60	+1.40	..
(Accum Units)	201.50	215.90	+1.40	..
Managed Port Inc	112.20	119.10	-0.10	0.56
(Accum Units)	119.00	125.20	-0.10	0.56
Monthly Income	185.30	197.10	-0.90	3.07
Quarterly Income	59.03	62.79	-0.49	3.90
(Accum Units)	60.38	64.22	-0.49	3.90
Recovery	375.00	401.00	+3.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	440.60	471.10	+4.20	0.08
UK Growth	55.62	59.37	-0.80	2.08
(Accum Units)	55.62	59.37	-0.80	2.08
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	414.22	440.66	-2.24	2.09
-do- Accum	854.49	909.03	-4.62	2.09
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.44	144.08	+1.32	0.33
-do- Accum	140.65	149.63	+1.36	0.33
FP Fixed Int Dist	144.86	153.23	-1.05	5.67
-do- Accum	250.96	265.45	-1.81	5.67
FP Intl Gth Dist	98.07	104.33	+0.73	0.35
-do- Accum	102.09	108.61	+0.77	0.35
FP Nth Amer Dist	202.46	214.47	+3.77	0.50
-do- Accum	221.22	234.34	+4.11	0.50
FP Pac Basin Dist	343.46	365.38	+3.36	0.01
-do- Accum	350.02	372.36	+3.45	0.01
Stewardship Dist	367.53	390.99	-2.52	1.51
-do- Accum	441.14	469.30	-3.02	1.51
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	79.68	84.77	-0.37	2.86
-do- Accum	100.29	106.69	-0.47	2.86
N Am Stshp Dist	107.15	113.99	+2.51	0.32
-do- Accum	113.44	120.68	+2.65	0.32
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	254.90	269.50	-1.40	1.82
Cash	49.31	50.05	+0.01	4.35
Growth Portfolio	88.99	94.33	+0.77	0.32
Income Portfolio	73.94	78.20	+0.43	3.18
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	162.80	174.20	-2.90	..
European	550.60	587.50	-1.70	1.23
Far East & Gen	295.10	315.70	-3.70	...
Germany	118.80	126.10	-0.30	..
Global Assets Inc				
Income Inc	169.40	181.20	-0.10	4.16
International	383.50	410.20	-3.20	0.31
Intl Income	88.65	94.12	-0.10	3.75
Japan & General	425.50	453.20	+4.40	..
Korean Securities	79.50	85.03	+0.74	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.29	60.21	-0.04	3.73
UK Capital (Inc)	197.60	211.40	-0.90	1.66
UK Spec Sits	98.36	105.20	-0.80	0.52
US & General	137.70	146.40	-1.80	
Wwide Spec Sits	179.40	190.20	+1.20	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.97	57.70	-1.39	1.54
Cash Trust	132.05	132.05	+0.01	4.57
Practical Inv Inc	121.22	129.89	-0.68	3.40
UK Index	152.24	160.97	-2.08	2.64
UK Smaller Cos	129.64	136.69	-0.17	1.24
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.64	29.56	-0.43	8.59
High Income	37.41	40.01	-0.47	4.75
UK Equity Income	149.87	160.29	-1.99	3.53
Global Bond	30.58	32.19	-0.24	4.54
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	71.99	76.99	+1.29	
Global Inc & Gth	144.06	154.72	+0.75	1.42
Gold & Intl Res	117.99	126.19	+0.15	2.25
Global Utilities	144.08	157.79	+1.12	5.64
Overseas Funds				
American	145.41	155.42	+1.68	0.47
European	99.99	105.95	+0.25	0.65
Euro Sel Opps	134.89	143.15	+0.74	1.20
Amer Emerging	106.25	112.67	+1.60	
Hong Kong	190.55	203.90	+3.02	0.91
Japan	257.95	273.12	+1.39	
Pacific Growth	257.27	275.16	+3.25	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	226.19	226.45	-1.71	1.87
Long Term Bal	215.99	216.95	-0.92	1.76
Med Term Bal	205.01	205.01	-1.30	2.37
UK Equity	234.71	234.71	-3.17	1.76
UK Emerging Cos	152.67	152.67	-0.24	1.76
American	229.76	229.76	+2.25	1.22
Japan	142.00	142.00	+0.76	
European	284.91	284.91	+0.45	0.77
Index Linked Gilt	174.72	174.72	-1.69	2.41
Fixed Interest	167.22	167.22	-1.20	5.20
Amer Emergng	209.96	209.96	+3.75	
Pacific	273.39	273.39	+3.54	0.52
Emerging Mkts	255.41	255.41	+4.50	
Index Strat Japan	158.60	158.60	+1.19	0.20
-do- Pacific Bsn	225.37	225.37	+0.71	1.19
-do- Cont Europe	150.04	150.04	+1.42	1.91
Index Strat USA	135.15	135.15	+1.37	2.09
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	107.21	114.05	-0.96	
Med Term Bal	97.56	103.79	-0.99	
Long Term Bal	110.96	117.96	-1.45	
UK Equity	115.01	122.37	-1.56	
UK Emerging Cos	71.62	76.24	+0.2	
American	111.54	118.66	+1.12	
Japan	68.41	72.77	+0.79	
European	106.45	113.25	+1.20	
Fixed Interest	94.17	95.68	-1.23	
Index Linked Gilt	77.32	82.25	-0.80	
Deposit	73.71			
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	137.94	145.20	+1.41	
Berkeley Income	122.49	128.94	+1.14	4.55
BWD Intl	146.72	154.62	+0.41	1.35
Brazil Gth Port Inc	55.27	58.88	+0.27	0.20
-do- Inc Port Inc	62.75	66.06	+0.54	2.72
-do- Wwide Port	56.24	59.20	+0.50	1.30
Shaw Utilities	61.19	64.47	+0.43	2.50
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	157.20	166.20	+1.40	
Higher Income	136.70	145.10	+2.00	1.45
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	624.75	664.66		0.31
European Inc	149.62	159.40		
Amalgam Inc	157.60	167.17	+3.54	.
N America Inc	375.04	396.43		
Far East Inc	94.44	100.70	+1.10	0.20
UK Div'd Inc	189.66	197.49	+1.36	0.69
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7966				
UK Equity Inc	96.56	101.65	-0.47	4.62
UK Small Cos	55.57	58.00	-0.46	1.1
British Growth	62.75	66.06	+0.15	2.34
American Gwth	165.80	177.11	+2.97	
Japan Gwth	37.24	39.47	+0.68	.
Greater China	224.57	240.14	+2.40	0.95
Pacific Strategy	191.90	205.40	+1.85	0.15
European Gwth	85.32	91.25	+0.13	0.52
Intl Growth	158.90	169.54	+1.28	0.21
US Index (£)	14.16	14.97	+0.072	..
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	95.11	99.96	-0.05	2.15
Monthly Income	47.95	50.95	+0.27	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 365 0053				
UK Index (£)	12.433	13.201	+0.137	4.40
Euro Index (£)	13.525	13.946	+0.065	4.50
Japan Index (£)	12.564	13.135	-0.079	1.65
US Index (£)	14.366	15.352	+0.080	1.50
Cash (£)	9.513	9.513	+0.001	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.064	7.410	+0.060	4.40
European Bear (£)	7.2972	7.6362	+0.078	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	12.070	12.634	+0.381	1.65
US Bear (£)	9.2442	9.6715	+0.046	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	16.416	17.181	+0.164	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.9177	7.1264	-0.062	4.40

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Gilt Bull (£)	11.791	12.290	-0.106	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	7.0772	7.3976	-0.053	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.818	10.973	-0.054	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	13.013	13.707	-0.291	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	103.45	106.96	...	0.52
Bridge Income	305.95	323.25		4.53
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	134.30	134.30	...	4.05
European	469.90	502.00	+6.20	..
Gilt & Fixed	139.90	148.50	-0.20	5.18
Growth Equity	356.60	380.40	-2.70	1.64
Income Trust	136.20	145.50	-0.50	2.71
International	194.60	207.90	+1.90	...
Japan Trust	135.30	144.40	+0.40	...
Nth American	294.50	304.20	-4.40	...
Pacific	652.40	697.00	+10.30	...
Guardhill	523.60	559.30	-2.50	1.65
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	118.22	122.76	+0.51	7.68
Global High Inc	121.43	126.07	-0.99	7.65
Prem Fixed Int	117.85	122.35	-0.03	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.23	117.84	+0.38	4.33
European Growth	97.22	103.47	-2.09	...
Intl PEP Trust	62.72	66.68	+1.02	...
High Income	129.41	137.60	+0.90	3.04
Recovery	41.93	45.50	-5.20	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	143.52	145.77	-1.28	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	255.40	271.50	-2.80	1.13
Tmp Br Sm Co In	369.50	375.90	+6.00	1.60
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	41.85	44.35	-0.40	1.26
Income Advtg Inc	34.57	36.97	-0.10	3.13
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	216.90	230.10	-0.60	1.99
Smaller Cos	36.60	38.94	-0.21	1.49
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	319.39	341.74	-2.26	0.89
Best of British	66.75	71.17	-0.89	1.91
UK Smaller Cos	133.70	143.72	-0.60	0.78
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	297.44	317.19	-2.95	2.58
High Income	357.66	382.39	-1.46	3.28
Extra Income	314.79	334.59	-3.12	3.98
Pref & Gilt	50.36	54.17	-0.22	7.55
International				
International	289.77	308.38	-1.31	0.39
Global Bond	59.73	63.54	+0.01	6.05
Family of Funds	89.55	92.26	+0.12	0.17
Global Tech	159.22	170.29	+3.07	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	203.42	217.53	+1.45	
European	493.16	511.89	-5.27	0.27
European Income	97.01	103.05	-0.16	2.35
Euro Smllr Cos	149.93	160.21	+1.69	0.26
Eur Sp Sits	68.90	73.43	+0.71	0.49
Japan Trust	220.09	234.36	+2.36	...
Japan Special Sits	227.78	240.07	+2.39	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	283.51	301.60	+3.59	0.09
North American	253.19	269.35	+4.60	
American Smaller	111.37	119.05	+2.11	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	59.17	62.71	+1.11	..
Eur Sp Sits	59.14	62.68	+0.63	.
General Growth	44.25	46.90	-0.58	.
Global Tech	62.31	66.04	+1.18	...
Income Growth	44.73	47.41	-0.44	...
Japan Growth	26.91	28.52	+0.29	.
Overseas Growth	42.29	44.81	+0.15	.
Smaller Cos	27.62	29.03	-0.15	.
Special Opps	31.22	33.09	+0.14	.
Sterling Liquidity				...
Wwide Sp Sits	52.81	55.97	+0.18	.
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	107.20	114.60	-0.90	1.72
Capital	157.50	168.30		1.53
Dollar	354.30	378.90	+6.98	0.01
European	243.00	259.80	-0.80	0.41
Far East	373.20	405.50	+2.60	0.20
Financial	912.10	975.50	-5.50	1.21
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.62	29.73	-0.17	6.93
High Yield	120.70	129.00	-1.00	3.51
Income & Growth	159.60	170.60	-2.10	2.61
International	261.20	281.40	+1.90	0.06
Japanese General	206.30	222.70	+3.40	
Japan Tech	89.15	95.72	+0.32	...
Nat Resources	51.52	57.19	-0.25	0.41
Portfolio	79.66	85.19	-0.46	1.63
Security	354.00	378.50	-1.80	1.70
Smaller Cos	143.70	153.90	-0.20	1.14
Special Sits	165.70	177.20	-1.80	1.24
UK Emerging Cos	96.50	103.20		0.26
US Smaller Cos	76.31	81.61	+1.09	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	206.40	219.70	+1.90	1.19
Eurotrack 100	158.60	169.30	+0.40	0.93
Footsie Fund	55.99	59.19	-0.86	2.32
Japan Index	83.81	89.36	+0.76	0.12
Tiger Index	229.90	245.40	+8.30	0.17
Trisle Index	131.00	139.90	-0.30	1.57
UK Index	149.20	154.20	-2.20	2.62
Active Funds				
American Growth	495.30	528.60	+3.90	0.16
Asian	64.99	69.25	+0.49	..
Capital	645.60	689.00	-8.10	1.95
European Growth	111.70	118.50	...	0.27
Global Bond	24.97	26.21	+0.16	6.07
Hong Kong Gwth	141.60	151.10	+2.40	0.44
Income	611.70	652.80	-7.90	3.49
Intl Growth	87.15	88.53	+0.36	0.10
Japan Growth	301.60	321.90	+1.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.10	39.54	+0.34	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	81.04	86.49	+1.28	..
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	63.25	67.64	-0.30	2.10
(Accum Units)	65.03	69.54	-0.31	2.10
British Tst	90.67	96.97	-1.22	1.75
(Accum Units)	102.60	109.70	-1.50	1.75
Extra High Inc	77.86	83.27	-0.42	5.41
(Accum Units)	142.70	152.60	-0.70	5.41
Gilt & Fxd Int	50.27	52.52	-0.51	5.96
(Accum Units)	164.90	171.30	-1.70	5.96
High Yield	254.40	272.10	-1.80	4.18
(Accum Units)	612.60	655.30	-4.40	4.18
Income	325.00	347.70	-0.10	2.62
(Accum Units)	699.10	747.60	-0.30	2.62
Japan Growth	347.30	372.00	.	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.50		
Mandarin Tst	136.30	147.90		0.59
(Accum Units)	144.66	154.60		2.59
Money Market UT	49.20	49.20	..	4.65
(Accum Units)	74.65	74.65		4.65
Monthly Income	96.40	103.10	-0.50	2.94
North American				
(Accum Units)				
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	128.00	[illegible]	-1.50	1.74
European Growth	137.50	146.40	...	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	94.60	[illegible]	-0.90	5.91
Income	93.25	99.20	-0.90	2.66
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.38	.
Managed	[illegible]	74.55	-0.75	2.36
Money Market	42.55	[illegible]	+0.01	4.57
North American	91.24	[illegible]	+0.72	0.96
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	96.25	102.40	-1.40	1.73
European Growth	[illegible]	107.40	-0.10	0.07
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.30	99.47	-0.85	5.84
Income	91.62	97.47	-0.89	2.63
Japan Growth	56.94	[illegible]	+0.36	
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.24	2.33
Money Market	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.52
North American	42.75	[illegible]	-0.64	0.25
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.50	[illegible]	-1.40	1.73
European Growth	98.82	[illegible]	+0.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.81	5.96
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.89	2.64
Japan Growth	56.07	[illegible]	+0.39	
Managed	72.44	74.54	-0.25	2.33
Money Market	[illegible]	75.32		4.26
North American	91.43	97.40	+0.72	0.42
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	77.42	82.74	-1.55	1.22
Smaller Cos	34.75	36.97	+0.33	1.32
Special Features	24.62	26.57	-0.24	1.26
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.26	1.26
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	62.27	67.44	-1.20	1.65
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.30	1.65
General Equities	[illegible]	67.47	-1.02	2.45
Great Britain Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.43	1.49
Managed Invest	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.13	1.01
PEP Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.79	1.32
Super Child Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.26	1.12
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.95	1.26
High Income Funds				
Cashbox Dist	50.33	50.37		4.76
Cashbox Acc	[illegible]	57.37	+0.01	4.76
Extra Income	[illegible]	100.25	-0.90	4.18
Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.26	5.75
Income & Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.60	2.67
Monthly G/I & FI	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.77	7.37
Preference Shares	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.07	5.60
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.70	2.75
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.79	3.67
Property Shares	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.40	0.95
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.90	0.54
US Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.10	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.12	
Europe Perf	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.96	.
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.14	
French Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.17	.
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.19	
H Kong & China	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.46	3.32
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.26	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.75	.
Japan Perf	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.13	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+5.19	
Japan Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.36	
Singapore & ASEAN	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.40	.
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.59	
SE Asia	77.66	74.56	+6.50	
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.10	1.22
Intl Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.27	5.58
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	141.07	150.80	+2.40	
Income	77.44	82.55	-2.62	3.46
Far & General	157.40	165.22		
UK Growth	[illegible]	47.54	-0.47	0.47
International	124.24	130.26	+2.22	0.54
Ecology	34.75	36.45	+1.34	2.55
European	129.36	137.41	+2.19	...
Far Eastern	232.79	246.56	+7.30	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7394 Admin: 071 956 6600				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	53.25	57.17	-0.97	5.08
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.21	5.08
Gilt Yield	[illegible]	122.70	-1.90	6.68
(Accum Units)	397.40	397.90	-5.50	6.68
Global Income	246.90	262.30	+0.20	3.29
(Accum Units)	548.30	582.30	+0.60	3.29
High Yield	162.20	170.20	-2.80	5.05
(Accum Units)	459.70	486.00	-8.00	5.05
Smllr Cos Dis	62.95	66.97	-0.02	2.56
(Accum Units)	78.95	83.99	-0.01	2.56
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	100.50	106.40	+1.10	.
(Accum Units)	104.10	110.70	+1.20	.
North American	81.75	86.96	+0.91	0.29
(Accum Units)	107.30	116.70	+1.20	0.29
European Special	95.19	101.30	+0.24	1.23

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(Accum Units)	99.86	106.20	+0.20	1.23
European	158.90	169.00	...	1.16
(Accum Units)	208.00	221.30	+0.10	1.16
General	305.90	325.30	-4.40	2.77
(Accum Units)	509.80	542.30	-7.30	2.77
Japan	449.40	478.10	+0.10	..
(Accum Units)	454.40	483.40	+0.20	...
Japanese Special	255.40	271.70	+0.30	..
(Accum Units)	256.60	273.00	+0.30	..
Master Accum	365.10	392.00	-0.80	0.76
Pacific	381.00	405.30	+2.00	0.36
(Accum Units)	446.80	475.30	+2.30	0.36
Smaller Cos	125.20	133.20	-0.21	0.87
(Accum Units)	169.80	180.60	-0.40	0.87
UK Equity Growth	47.66	50.70	-0.63	1.53
(Accum Units)	89.23	94.93	-1.19	1.53
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	68.32	72.68	+0.32	0.80
Inv Trust	76.53	81.41	+0.42	.
Cautious Inc/Gth	62.36	66.34	-0.15	1.60
High Inc Acc	60.70	64.57	-0.07	4.40
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	95.44	101.40	+0.20	0.37
Extra Income	27.91	29.60	-0.32	3.03
Far East	33.76	35.91	+0.15	0.25
Income & Gwth	85.15	90.59	-0.53	2.17
Intl Growth	61.27	65.18	-0.06	0.36
Japan	68.34	72.70	+0.34	...
Maximum Dist	99.74	101.70	...	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.79	45.52	+0.42	0.11
UK Equity	100.80	107.20	-0.80	2.01
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	667.10	701.10	...	4.63
Intl & General	460.60	470.00	..	0.55
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	61.74	65.68	-1.13	3.81
Smaller Cos	58.50	61.90	+0.03	0.81
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	271.00	288.30	-2.30	1.55
High Income	121.40	129.20	-1.00	3.43
International	105.10	111.80	+0.70	0.40
Recovery Trust	69.54	73.98	+0.03	1.17
European Trust	88.24	93.87	+1.01	0.70
Japanese Trust	48.36	51.45	+0.21	..
American Trust	85.88	91.36	-0.10	...
Managed	72.26	76.87	-0.01	0.37
Cash	51.62	51.62	-0.01	4.32
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	379.90	386.00	..	2.49
UK Inc/Gth	415.40	421.80	.	2.73
UK Income	296.30	301.00	...	3.30
UK Sm Cos	268.00	277.40	...	1.32
Euro Gwth	122.00	123.00		
N Amer Gwth	82.95	83.87		
Jap & Pac Gth	88.69	89.95	...	0.23
Money Mkt	117.53	117.53	-0.231	2.340
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	506.30	538.60	-7.20	2.18
Equity Income	110.10	117.10	-1.30	3.09
UK Tactical Allocn	60.20	63.93	-1.15	3.69
European	117.70	125.30	-0.40	0.69
Far Eastern	259.80	276.40	+3.20	...
Fixed Interest	57.68	61.25	-0.32	6.04
Gilt	99.30	105.30	-1.10	5.55
Global Growth	84.82	90.23	+0.35	..
Intl Bond	57.48	61.03	+0.38	5.85
Japanese	79.22	84.28	+0.74	.
North American	160.90	171.20	+2.40	0.26
Pacific Growth	139.70	148.60	+1.80	.
UK Index	67.32	71.05	-0.96	2.58
UK Recovery	99.17	105.50	-1.10	1.43
UK Smaller Cos	135.50	144.10	+0.40	0.86
US Index	61.98	65.41	+0.67	1.62
European Index	74.76	78.90	-0.25	1.31
Japan Index	43.83	46.26	+0.33	..
Worldwide	91.24	97.06	-0.11	1.30
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	51.84	55.44	-0.55	3.00
Income	63.76	68.38	-0.69	3.44
Far East	64.08	68.53	+0.51	...
North American	105.10	113.00	+2.70	...
Global	107.20	114.70	+0.10	0.59
European	91.47	97.83	+0.16	0.60
Japan	119.20	127.50	+0.90	..
Intl Currency Bd	61.40	65.15	+0.62	5.84
SE Asia	137.10	146.70	+2.50	0.64
UK Cap Growth	98.67	105.50	-1.30	1.75
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	370.60	394.20	-2.40	2.24
-do- Acc	822.70	875.30	-5.20	2.24
Contl Euro Gth	63.46	66.80	+0.06	1.02
-do- Acc	67.59	71.15	+0.06	1.02
Extra Inc	282.40	300.50	-1.30	3.10
-do- Acc	708.20	753.50	-3.30	3.10
German Gth	120.10	126.50	+1.30	0.18
-do- Acc	125.90	132.60	+1.30	0.18
Growth Port	588.50	626.10	-0.10	0.10
-do- Acc	593.50	631.40	-0.10	0.10
Income	529.90	563.80	-2.40	3.01
-do- Acc	1382.0	1471.0	-6.00	3.01
Income Port	547.10	582.10	-1.90	3.53
-do- Acc	562.30	598.20	-1.90	3.53
Japan Growth	110.80	117.90	+0.60	..
-do- Acc	111.20	118.30	+0.60	..
Master Trust	62.66	66.67	-0.04	0.95
-do- Acc	68.98	73.39	-0.03	0.95
N American Gen	205.50	218.70	+4.60	..
-do- Acc	237.40	252.60	+5.30	..
NAm Sm Co Rec	157.40	167.50	+5.60	..
-do- Acc	160.70	171.00	+5.80	..
Pacific Basin	319.00	339.40	+10.30	0.21
-do- Acc	338.40	360.10	-10.80	0.21
Small Cos Rec	385.00	405.30	-2.60	1.76
-do- Acc	505.80	532.50	-3.50	1.76
UK Growth	92.78	98.71	-0.38	1.78
-do- Acc	110.20	117.30	-0.40	1.78
Worldwide Gth	349.10	371.40	+2.20	0.22
-do- Acc	514.90	547.80	+3.20	0.22
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	69.01	74.05	+1.05	0.30
General	94.53	101.43	-0.40	2.30
Income	75.72	81.24	-0.18	4.40
International	69.92	75.02	+0.61	0.70
Japan	59.04	63.35	+0.30	
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.05	81.63	+0.14	1.50
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	429.20	453.90	+6.30	0.70
Amer Recovery	485.90	513.90	+7.90	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	137.20	145.10	+2.20	...
Australasian	192.80	203.90	+3.60	1.05
Capital	859.80	909.20	-3.60	1.82
Charifund	766.40	776.10	-0.30	4.72
Commodity	414.70	438.50	+3.60	0.32
Compound Grth	988.40	1045.2	-0.70	2.19
Dividend	43.80	46.30	+0.10	3.82
Equity Income	385.30	405.50	+2.80	4.26
Euro & General	519.50	549.40	+8.70	0.45
Euro Dividend	75.40	79.70	+1.30	3.21
Extra Yield	462.30	488.90	-0.40	4.01
Far Eastern	423.00	447.30	+4.70	0.15
Fund of Inv Tsts	671.10	709.70	+5.00	1.59
General	66.00	69.80	+0.10	3.14
Gilt Income	58.90	60.01	-0.28	6.52
Gold	73.80	78.00	+0.30	0.50
High Income	31.60	33.40	-0.10	3.90
Intl Growth	93.50	98.30	-1.10	0.65
International Inc	110.70	117.10	-1.20	3.95
Japan & Gen	50.00	52.90	+0.50	
Japan Smlr Cos	170.30	180.10	+2.50	
Managed Income	30.40	31.90	-0.10	3.49
Midland	69.90	73.80	+0.60	2.31
Pension Ex	1027.5	1053.2	-3.00	3.45
Recovery	45.60	48.20	-0.10	1.92
Second General	77.30	81.70	-1.10	3.07
Smaller Cos	76.00	80.40	+0.50	2.27
Treasury	25.04	25.09		4.50
Trustee	47.20	49.90	-0.10	3.68
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	84.10	89.46	-2.04	0.23
High Income	322.30	342.70	-1.22	3.83
Intl Bond	70.59	74.26	+0.56	4.22
Intl Equity Growth	74.38	79.12	-0.42	0.37
N Amer Growth	101.95	108.35	+1.29	0.71
Special Sits Growth	23.98	25.51	+0.04	1.57
UK Growth	402.10	427.70	-1.80	2.23
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 40 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5967				
Joint Investors	1369.8	1368.2		2.50
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.90	150.20		3.59
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	208.30	222.80	-1.30	1.95
Gilt & Fxd Int	190.70	200.90	-2.70	6.55
Intl Growth	223.90	239.40	-2.30	0.15
North American	191.00	202.40	+3.20	0.32
Far East	70.60	76.30	+4.00	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	182.60	195.30	-1.20	1.37
European	82.40	86.00	+0.59	0.37
Japanese Growth	49.16	52.29	+0.24	
Managed Pfolio	73.01	78.04	-0.19	1.29
High Income	205.40	219.00	-1.90	3.70
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	161.30	171.50	-0.54	1.56
-do- Accum	182.10	193.60	-0.64	1.56
UK Sel Pfolio	138.20	147.00	-1.29	1.65
-do- Accum	157.50	167.60	-1.28	1.65
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	71.45	76.01		3.11
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	92.29	97.36	+0.34	3.41
European	86.76	92.10	+1.52	0.41
Income & Growth	86.80	91.87	-1.22	2.55
Nth American	61.29	65.36	+0.41	0.07
Far East	192.70	204.60	+2.80	...
Charities	129.10	137.10	-0.20	3.43
Japan	59.63	63.40	+0.73	...
Emrgng Mkts	140.00	149.70	+4.50	0.11
Intl Growth	120.10	127.50	+1.50	0.17
UK Growth	95.24	101.10	-0.50	1.56
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	210.90	224.20	+4.00	
(Accum Units)	225.40	239.70	+3.30	
American Opps	93.75	100.00	+1.90	
(Accum Units)	94.95	101.20	+1.90	
British Blue Chip	85.05	90.55	-0.94	2.78
(Accum Units)	102.30	108.90	-1.10	2.78
Cash	111.80	111.80		4.98
(Accum Units)	133.00	133.00		4.98
Emerging Mkts	147.10	158.20	+2.50	..
European Growth	259.60	277.10	+0.90	0.59
(Accum Units)	275.20	293.60	+0.90	0.59
European Income	88.16	93.34	-0.60	2.61
(Accum Units)	115.40	122.20	-1.20	2.61
General	599.20	640.40	-4.30	2.05
(Accum Units)	1070	1143	-9.00	2.05
Global Bond	134.20	141.20	+0.40	5.64
(Accum Units)	154.20	162.60	+0.50	5.64
Gold & General	201.30	215.90	+0.60	3.43
(Accum Units)	205.90	221.30	+0.60	3.43
Govt Securities	100.50	103.60	-0.60	6.47
(Accum Units)	186.10	191.90	-1.70	6.47
Income	168.40	179.60	-1.30	3.79
(Accum Units)	252.50	269.60	-1.90	3.79
International	477.40	509.40	+2.60	0.55
(Accum Units)	636.80	679.00	+3.30	0.55
Japan	197.00	209.40	+2.30	
(Accum Units)	202.90	215.00	+2.30	

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
New Europe	182.60	195.00	-0.10	1.33
(Accum Units)	187.00	199.50	...	1.33
Pacific	147.00	156.80	+2.10	0.53
(Accum Units)	156.30	166.70	+2.20	0.53
Recovery	363.50	387.70	-5.10	2.31
(Accum Units)	461.00	491.70	-6.40	2.31
UK Smaller Cos	65.20	69.35	-0.38	1.57
(Accum Units)	73.21	78.09	+0.42	1.57
Portfolio	87.15	92.71	-0.36	2.44
(Accum Units)	100.00	106.40	-0.30	2.44
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	119.90	127.65	+0.08	0.80
Intl Strategy	69.36	73.79	+0.36	0.62
UK Income Inc	84.28	89.66	-0.75	5.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.46	14.38	..	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	319.90	340.30	+4.90	...
European Gth Inc	389.50	415.20	+1.00	...
Intl Gwth	205.80	219.80	+1.80	...
UK Equity Inc	194.30	207.30		2.83
UK Ind Trckr Inc	170.80	182.70	-0.90	2.67
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	205.20	217.60	+2.20	1.42
Japan Tracker	80.13	84.81	-0.02	...
Asian Trader	249.10	270.00	+5.50	0.36
Managed Inc	156.90	168.70	+0.80	1.54
Deposit Inc	99.87	99.87	...	4.33
Europa	178.00	191.00	+1.30	...
Genesis	167.50	182.10	+1.30	...
High Income	24.08	25.54	-0.18	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	101.10	103.40	+0.20	1.97
Acumen Inc	97.52	99.49	+0.19	1.97
Acumen Reserve	88.82	89.72	-0.59	6.60
-do- Inc	81.01	81.83	-0.54	6.60
American Income	187.20	192.40	+2.90	1.35
Cash Income	49.54	50.05	+0.01	4.62
Equity Income	107.50	110.50	-0.40	4.15
European	77.29	78.70	+0.61	0.72
Smaller Cos	88.68	90.33	+0.36	0.82
Olympiad	73.96	76.21	+0.84	0.08
Global Bond	49.46	50.00	+0.07	5.94
UK Growth	97.86	100.80	...	1.40
Pacific Growth	126.90	131.50	+1.70	...
Japan Growth	100.90	102.30	+0.70	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 030				
Avon Equity	125.29	133.29	-1.97	2.70
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	114.60	121.90	+2.00	1.46
Open Cap Gth Inc	116.60	124.00	+1.10	1.29
NM Unit Trusts				
American	46.23	49.25	+0.47	1.60
Australian	382.50	410.40	+6.40	...
Conscience	77.70	82.92	-0.28	0.42
European	205.70	218.80	-0.90	0.69
Extra Income	81.75	87.24	-1.24	5.09
Gilt & FI	61.61	65.02	-0.39	5.69
Gold	67.31	72.37	+1.31	...
Income	60.99	65.05	-0.84	3.57
Intnl	35.13	37.57	+0.01	0.67
Jap Smaller Cos	364.90	389.20	+3.10	...
Sing & Malaysian	265.20	284.30	+1.10	..
Smaller Cos	33.02	35.30	-0.03	0.56
Special Sits	39.87	42.65	-0.51	1.44
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40	...	4.50
Tokyo	89.34	95.29	+1.17	...
UK Equity	188.30	200.80	-2.70	2.47
US Smaller Cos	118.40	126.60	+1.50	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	80.84	86.01	-1.15	1.60
UK Income	119.60	127.30	-1.40	3.10
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.06	86.84	-0.77	5.82
Higher Income	243.40	259.00	-0.70	4.01
Smaller Cos	91.25	97.08	+3.60	1.25
International	106.10	112.90	-0.80	1.17
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	115.00	123.00	+1.40	...
European Dist	108.20	115.70	+0.20	...
Far East Dist	197.30	211.00	+0.90	...
Global Care Dist	78.09	83.52	-0.15	2.28
Oseas Dist	1077.7	1152.6	+0.70	0.33
UK Dist	370.20	395.90	-5.70	1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist	82.80	88.56	-0.75	3.49
Wwide Dist	110.80	118.50	+0.20	...
Wwide Inc Dist	75.42	80.66	-0.34	1.88
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	63.44	66.95	+0.55	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	62.01	65.45	+0.13	0.50
North America Inc	52.44	55.35	+0.45	0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc	64.55	68.13	-0.71	1.51
UK General Inc	62.98	66.47	-0.86	1.82
UK Glt/Fix Int Inc	52.02	54.76	-0.66	6.01
UK Income Inc	64.13	67.68	-0.85	2.28
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0800 440 000 Private client: 0800 550 800 Broker: 0800 660 080				
Income	247.44	263.24	-2.09	3.20
Global	371.62	395.35	+2.04	1.04
General	206.50	219.69	+0.67	1.17
Bond	137.26	145.73	-1.08	6.03
Growth	134.73	143.33	-0.30	1.55
Intrepid	130.54	135.98	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	130.79	139.14	-0.07	1.13
UK Equity	149.41	158.95	-2.19	2.72
UK Equity Income	143.67	152.84	-2.05	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	133.63	142.16	+0.25	1.25
UK Equity Growth	137.35	146.12	-2.08	2.47
UK Index Trckg	152.60	162.34	-1.32	2.94
Intl Index Trckg	150.28	159.87	-1.20	0.97
International	246.23	261.95	+1.51	0.54
European	187.44	199.40	+1.31	0.35
Pan European	132.85	141.33	-0.54	1.04
Nth American	166.99	177.65	+1.97	0.50
N Amer Smlr Cos	189.92	202.04	+3.00	...
Japanese	100.37	106.76	+0.89	...
Pacific	268.17	285.29	+3.20	...
South East Asian	300.34	319.51	+5.23	0.16
Intl Bond	140.85	149.84	-1.39	3.84
Gilt & Convertible	114.69	122.01	-1.88	8.75
Property	93.53	88.86	-0.05	5.54
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	257.90	274.30	-1.40	1.92
Growth	166.10	174.80	-0.30	2.10
Income	261.70	278.40	-1.10	2.92
Intl Equity	262.40	279.10	+1.60	0.53
UK Income	71.83	76.41	-0.33	2.53
UK Intl 25	83.37	88.69	-0.25	1.49
New Europe	76.63	81.51	+0.57	0.28
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	642.82	687.51	+5.77	0.01
Income	367.13	392.66	-4.31	2.43
Wwide Recovery	406.08	434.32	+4.25	0.01
Amer Growth Inc	237.51	254.03	+4.15	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	272.90	291.88	+3.36	0.03
Far Estn Grth Inc	325.49	348.12	+1.67	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	149.25	158.56	-0.07	0.38
UK Growth Inc	94.17	100.72	-1.17	2.07
High Income	100.79	107.79	-1.27	3.26
Jap Gwth Inc	239.96	255.03	+2.68	0.01
PEP Growth	126.88	135.71	+0.71	0.52
Asian Str Mkts Inc	151.84	162.40	+2.55	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	146.63	156.83	+2.86	0.01
Global Bond	64.93	68.69		5.25
UK Smaller Cos Inc	86.55	92.57	-0.25	0.94
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	111.90	119.04	+1.13	
European	72.21	76.95	+0.64	0.25
Global	73.90	78.62	+0.43	
Pacific	73.27	77.95	+0.47	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	70.94	75.47	+0.94	1.90
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	110.74	117.94	+1.26	.
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	173.83	182.98	...	0.59
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	64.09	67.93	-0.38	1.72
Growth Income	65.05	69.58	-0.08	1.31
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	145.59	154.89	-0.64	1.84
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	101.90	108.30	+1.40	2.65
Conv & Gilt	131.40	139.70	-0.20	4.96
European Income	90.52	94.99	+0.43	2.26
Extra Income	168.60	179.40	-0.40	3.35
Far East	437.00	464.90	+1.30	0.20
Global Income	29.59	31.48	+0.01	3.96
High Income	129.00	136.10	-0.30	3.10
International	225.30	239.90	+1.20	0.35
Pref & Fxd Int	46.06	49.00	-0.09	6.89
Recovery	88.50	94.15	-0.59	1.55
Special Sits	117.50	124.60	-0.30	1.36
Technology	354.90	377.50	+4.00	
UK Blue Chip	73.73	78.49	-0.43	2.44
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	59.92	63.55	-0.46	2.51
International	97.71	103.95	+0.35	0.66
Gilt	25.75	27.58	-0.30	7.04
Income & Gwth	80.70	85.45	-1.19	3.54
European	53.88	57.32	+0.01	1.12
American	56.66	60.30	+0.52	0.04
Emerging Mkts	110.51	117.56	+2.10	0.43
UK Smaller Cos	34.23	36.41	+0.11	1.48
Gilt/Fixed Interest	29.15	31.01	-0.15	5.15
Global PEP	42.55	45.27	+0.01	1.38
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 388				
European Inc	262.70	281.10	+2.30	0.68
Japan Inc	110.20	117.80	+0.90	
Nth American Inc	120.80	129.70	+1.20	0.12
Worldwide Inc	170.60	180.10	+0.70	0.66
Hong Kong Inc	191.90	207.10	+1.70	0.76
Swiss Equities Inc	69.91	74.77	+0.53	0.33
Wwide Bond Inc	67.27	71.14	+0.06	6.21
Emrgng Asia Inc	227.30	246.90	+5.00	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.04	51.06	...	5.41
Thailand Inc	160.00	173.20	+7.00	0.77
Gold Trust Inc	87.48	94.31	+0.62	0.19
New Zealand Inc	101.90	108.70	+0.90	0.44
Int Mngd PEP Inc	70.27	75.97	+0.33	3.53
Latin Am Cmp Inc	109.70	117.20	+1.70	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	63.53	68.31	-0.79	1.87
Le Fond Francais	73.97	79.54	-0.09	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	83.90	89.75	+1.06	1.47
Global Portfolio	76.81	82.15	+1.09	...
Global Opps	75.95	81.23	+0.73	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	74.86	79.39	+0.34	1.73
AAM Global Equity	62.93	66.95	+0.52	0.71
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	97.81	105.90	-0.60	0.85
CAM Brit Inc Inc	50.40	53.11	-0.01	1.89
CAM Int Recvy Inc	53.20	57.87	-0.34	0.87
Temple Equity Inc	51.72	56.42	-0.45	2.82
Hanley Growth	83.90	89.26	+0.06	1.18
Incl Growth Inc	85.62	91.37	...	1.41
IPS Portfolio Inc	93.87	100.40	+0.70	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	52.83	55.75	+0.27	.

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Premier Perfms Inc	75.02	80.24	-0.18	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	79.73	85.27	+0.62	0.73
Tech Analysts	113.60	120.90	-1.40	0.74
Rosebery Growth	47.71	51.54	-0.17	...
International Strat	83.87	89.70	-0.21	...
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	59.57	63.84	+0.54	...
Coverdale Topous	55.54	59.95	+0.45	...
Prem Equity Inc	100.50	106.90	-1.10	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.88	50.40	+0.57	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	178.30	189.70	+0.70	1.43
European Gth	99.96	105.90	+0.90	0.42
Income & Gth	148.40	157.90	-0.20	2.46
Japan Gth	127.80	135.40	+1.20	...
Nth Amer Gth	124.10	132.00	+1.80	...
Overseas Gth	93.41	99.37	+0.91	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	38.61	41.23	-0.04	1.31
Cash Haven Inc	100.84	101.33	...	4.09
Cash Haven Acc	107.91	108.44	+0.01	4.09
Global Growth	94.87	101.46	-0.49	0.79
Equity Inc	92.65	99.08	-0.94	3.16
Equity	776.57	830.55	-9.67	2.09
European	212.96	227.76	-1.61	0.77
High Income	100.44	107.42	-0.66	3.78
Intl Grth	192.23	205.59	+0.39	0.92
Intl Sm Co	84.81	90.70	+0.32	0.21
Japanese	215.58	230.56	+0.73	...
Nth Amer	166.83	178.42	+2.11	0.67
Pacific Mkts	119.92	128.25	+1.37	0.66
Premier Inc	52.85	55.02	-0.16	5.85
Sm Cos	99.98	106.93	-0.01	1.24
Spec Sits	118.14	126.35	-1.01	1.92
UK Growth	128.76	137.71	-2.48	1.88
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	333.50	353.70	-1.80	2.60
Reliance Inc	184.40	195.10	-1.40	2.33
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2355				
Managed	105.20	111.60	-1.10	1.74
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	544.81	580.83	+9.40	0.55
FA America (Acc)	634.87	676.85	+10.96	0.55
FA UK Equity Inc	174.60	186.49	-1.23	2.90
FA Japan	284.10	302.89	+1.57	...
FA Major UK Cos	103.54	110.59	-0.89	1.92
FA Smllr UK Cos	324.76	352.37	+2.32	0.73
FA European	317.66	336.14	+2.05	0.57
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.81	52.21	+0.63	...
FA Asia	59.82	64.43	+0.77	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	52.98	56.59	+0.76	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.64	106.98	-0.87	...
UK Smllr Cos	91.71	96.53	-0.63	...
UK Income	100.22	105.49	-0.68	...
America	108.81	114.53	+1.85	...
Japanese	62.31	65.58	+0.33	...
European	100.72	106.01	+0.45	...
Gilt	90.11	94.84	-0.45	...
Deposit	79.37	83.54	+0.01	...
Managed	104.82	110.33	-0.53	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	99.20	104.41	-0.86	...
UK Smaller Cos	89.84	94.56	-0.63	...
UK Income	98.01	103.16	-0.67	...
America	106.18	111.76	+1.81	...
Japanese	60.83	64.02	+0.33	...
European	98.33	103.50	+0.63	...
Gilt	89.20	93.88	+0.08	...
Deposit	75.88	79.87	...	...
Managed	99.56	104.79	-0.46	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 8UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 008				
United States	76.45	81.58	+1.05	0.11
Pacific Basin	90.47	97.03	+0.47	...
High Inc Dist	141.10	150.90	-0.70	4.02
Ryl Life Int Chny	64.53	68.62	-0.05	3.28
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	71.24	76.07	+0.50	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.30	70.52	+0.70	...
UK Emerging Cos	130.70	141.20	+1.30	1.34
UK Index Trckg	181.20	193.10	-2.00	2.92
European	124.80	133.80	-1.00	0.29
Managed	153.00	164.50	-1.00	0.78
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	155.00	164.10	+1.10	0.22
European Growth	111.70	118.00	+2.30	0.48
Far East Growth	154.20	164.10	+1.50	...
Japan Growth	151.90	161.50	+1.80	...
Special Sits	216.10	229.80	+2.30	1.13
UK Growth	83.30	88.61	+0.89	1.62
Triton General	251.70	267.80	+3.50	0.27
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	198.80	210.40	+2.30	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	356.80	377.60	+1.10	0.35
Growth Inc	134.70	142.50	+0.40	0.02
International Inc	350.70	371.10	+0.70	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	340.80	360.60	+3.70	0.47
UK Gen Prog Inc	223.00	236.00	-0.40	0.69
UK High Inc Inc	149.90	158.60	-1.40	3.14
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	66.88	71.15	+1.12	...
Amer Smllr Cos	86.73	92.27	+2.56	...
Asian Gwth	131.29	139.67	+3.31	0.75
European Gwth	72.121	76.71	+1.56	1.00
Global Bd	63.54	67.16	+0.61	5.00
Global Eq	71.63	76.21	-1.08	0.50
Japanese Eq	61.52	65.45	+0.66	...
Japan Sm Cos	72.75	77.39	+0.53	...
UK Gen	59.43	63.22	-0.28	2.80
UK Gwth	64.76	68.89	-0.42	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	74.81	79.59	+1.00	3.44
Amer Smllr Cos	113.90	121.20	+2.30	...
Asian Smaller Cos	64.59	68.71	+1.25	...
Capital Portfolio	141.80	150.80	-0.60	1.60
Capital	177.30	188.60	+0.70	0.92
Cash	121.80	121.80	...	5.09
China Dragon	80.88	86.04	+1.47	0.79
Commodity	142.10	151.20	+1.00	0.52
Eastern Discovery	126.30	134.40	+1.60	..
Energy Inds	125.30	133.50	+1.90	0.29
European Gwth	200.30	213.10	+2.60	0.62
Euro Inc & Gwth	82.63	87.90	+1.23	1.40
Euro Smllr Cos	53.62	57.04	+1.05	0.09
Financial Secs	219.90	233.90	-0.30	1.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	54.65	57.70	-0.11	7.36
Gold & Exploration	89.38	95.08	-0.13	0.27
High Return	252.50	268.60	+0.60	3.05
High Yield	248.40	264.30	+1.00	3.12
Income	131.60	140.00	-0.30	3.48
Intl Bond	178.60	188.80	-1.80	4.98
ITU	232.40	247.20	+1.30	0.51
Japan Growth	178.20	189.60	+0.40	...
Japan Smaller	203.90	216.90	+1.30	...
Korea	84.39	89.78	+0.01	...
Masterfund	58.78	62.53	+0.48	0.73
Scotbits	326.90	347.80	-0.80	0.82
Scotshares	313.30	333.30	-0.20	1.60
Scotyields	260.20	276.80	-0.10	3.37
Select Intl	156.00	166.00	-1.60	0.50
Smaller Cos Inc	279.40	297.20	-2.80	3.11
SE Asia	710.30	755.60	+7.20	...
Special Situation	133.20	141.70	+0.50	0.54
UK Equity	261.70	278.40	-0.50	2.02
UK Growth	71.72	76.30	+0.08	1.32
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	52.41	55.76	+0.53	0.96
US Growth	158.00	164.90	+2.70	0.06
Univ Growth	155.60	165.50	+1.50	0.33
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	263.28	280.02	+1.44	0.63
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	75.61	80.52	-0.23	0.55
Euro Smllr Cos	73.53	78.43	+0.37	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	110.38	117.73	+0.70	
Gilt & Fixed Int	57.49	60.60	-1.05	6.80
Global Bond	55.47	57.31	-0.38	5.09
Global Emer Mkts	68.47	73.03	+0.90	0.57
Income	387.16	412.97	-6.49	3.13
Japan Smllr Cos	501.20	534.61	+4.18	...
Japan Enterprise	73.66	78.55	+0.49	...
Pacific Gwth	153.58	163.81	+2.18	...
Seoul	61.64	65.45	+0.52	...
Smaller Cos	232.93	248.45	-0.51	0.48
Tokyo	124.56	132.86	+0.51	...
UK Enterprise	263.86	281.45	-4.03	1.86
UK Equity	256.57	273.67	-3.96	2.15
US Smllr Cos	161.69	172.46	+1.61	...
World Fd	85.48	91.17	-0.66	1.61
Institutional Funds				
European	237.33	247.21	+0.92	1.11
Euro Smllr Cos	30.00	31.24	+0.35	1.46
Global Equity Inv	81.93	85.34	+0.71	0.54
Japan Smllr Cos	38.53	40.13	+0.39	0.05
Mngd Balanced	198.98	207.27	-0.84	2.29
Overseas Equity	195.97	204.13	+1.52	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	129.30	134.68	+1.61	0.25
Pacific	294.45	306.71	+4.47	0.60
Recovery	2121.9	2210.3	-23.57	2.22
UK Index	165.99	172.99	-0.98	2.53
UK Small Cos	129.17	134.55	-0.05	2.30
US Smllr Cos	46.02	47.93	+0.47	0.14
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	55.66	59.28	-0.38	2.94
Equity Trust	64.16	68.36	-0.57	2.01
Equity Strategy	74.96	79.83	-1.20	0.83
European Opps	88.45	94.20	+1.75	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	71.16	75.79	+0.90	0.97
Maximum Income	97.83	100.36	-0.01	4.98
Japanese	80.58	85.82	+0.16	0.01
Asia Pacific	151.09	160.91	+1.91	0.47
American	112.96	120.20	+1.48	0.15
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	39.80	39.80	...	4.86
UK General Inc	56.46	60.22	-0.21	2.11
Intl Income	302.60	322.80	+2.70	2.42
European	78.18	83.74	+0.49	1.16
Japan	72.69	77.16	+0.21	0.05
American	70.83	75.30	+0.91	1.70
Far East	106.96	114.09	+0.50	0.05
Ethical Inc	34.57	36.97	+0.29	1.51
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.32	37.76	-0.30	2.30
High Inc Inc	40.86	43.58	-0.15	2.95
UK Global Inc	43.43	46.41	-0.02	1.08
Wwide Tact	83.80	89.65	+0.60	0.22
Europe 2000 Tact	55.51	58.90	+0.67	0.81
Technology	108.73	115.98	+1.70	0.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	408.70	436.40	-6.00	2.33
American	287.70	305.30	+3.50	0.48
Pacific	444.90	475.80	+3.80	0.42
European	549.00	587.20	+0.30	0.81
Worldwide	101.40	108.50	+0.20	0.65
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	294.20	313.00	-2.00	1.94
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	225.70	240.20	+1.30	1.22
Select Opptnty Inc	75.28	80.52	-0.36	1.65
Income Plus Inc	79.62	84.71	-0.48	2.74
European Inc	357.50	380.80	-1.60	0.96
Far Eastern Inc	200.80	213.70	+2.60	0.55
Japanese Inc	66.70	70.96	+0.44	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	284.80	301.80	+5.30	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	222.20	236.40	+1.60	0.69
Wwide Venture Inc	86.76	92.30	-0.22	1.15
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	25.93	27.75	-0.14	2.39
Intl Growth Inc	33.35	35.69	+0.18	0.48
Market Leaders Inc	24.60	26.33	-0.21	2.39
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	404.60	431.50	+3.20	2.50
UK High Inc	212.10	226.20	+2.40	3.21
Europe Inc	352.10	375.50	+10.40	0.59
Nth Amer Inc	228.20	243.40	+4.40	...
Global Inc	228.50	243.70	+4.00	0.84
UK Spec Sits Inc	116.20	123.90	+1.40	2.56
South East Asia	265.80	283.40	+3.70	1.66
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	...	4.53
UK Smllr Cos Inc	118.30	126.20	+1.30	1.45
Intl Bond Inc	100.80	107.00	+0.90	5.70
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	181.50	190.70	-0.20	3.50
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	127.40	134.10	+0.90	0.77
Nth American	109.60	115.40	+1.00	0.41
Intl Bond & Conv	139.70	147.10	+0.50	4.21
Pooled Pension (E)	198.90	212.80	-2.00	...
Smaller Cos	78.35	82.47	+3.16	1.04
UK General	140.40	147.80	-1.00	1.75
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	454.38	483.38	-8.02	3.82
Global Inc	73.50	78.19	-0.34	2.40
Brit Leaders	359.10	382.02	-6.45	2.11
Intl Leaders	218.87	232.84	-0.25	0.58
PAM Mg Bal Grth	69.48	72.19	-0.68	0.89
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
European ‡	122.80	...	+0.10	...
Global Bond ‡	107.50	...	-0.20	6.94
Summit ‡	94.03	...	-0.37	...
UK Growth ‡	122.40	...	-1.10	3.23
Tai Pan ‡	119.00	...	+0.70	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	306.80	324.60	+3.40	0.32
Canadian	85.26	90.22	-0.07	0.15
Capital	145.60	154.20	+1.50	0.87
Cash	101.60	101.60	+0.01	4.78
European	138.60	146.60	+2.60	0.24
Far Eastern	188.50	199.50	+2.40	...
Growth	160.00	169.20	+1.50	0.78
Income	143.80	152.10	+1.20	4.02
Magnum	158.30	167.70	+1.60	0.82
Smllr Secs	408.00	431.70	+6.00	0.20
Thoroughbred	181.00	194.40	+1.90	0.69
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.06	50.56	...	4.26
Cnsrld Prfmnce	62.40	66.56	-0.20	7.10
Ethical	64.01	68.10	-0.62	2.90
European Growth	74.63	79.60	-0.01	2.00
Income	61.71	65.81	-0.90	5.00
Intl Growth	102.10	108.90	+0.50	2.30
Managed	85.72	91.43	-0.60	3.00
UK Growth	67.30	71.79	-1.07	3.30
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	54.17	57.56	+0.50	1.23
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.17	84.12	+0.60	0.93
-do- High Inc Inc	42.68	45.35	+0.40	2.74
-do- High Inc Acc	51.25	54.46	+0.50	2.74
UK Equity Gen Acc	66.75	70.93	+0.80	1.71
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.32	53.47	+0.40	1.71
UK Lrgr Co Acc	462.70	502.10	+4.60	3.01
UK Lrgr Co Inc	351.00	380.90	+3.40	3.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.40	36.38	+0.10	5.50
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	324.00	351.60	+4.50	1.14
Nth American Acc	47.13	50.08	+0.50	0.59
Far East Acc	73.69	78.30	+0.90	0.05
European Acc	51.26	54.47	+0.70	0.50
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (N2S)	4.019	4.268	-0.070	1.25
US Eqts (US$)	2.374	2.520	-0.039	0.63
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.40	266.00	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	255.00	270.80	-1.10	...
FT Europe	133.90	142.20	-3.20	1.70
FT N Amer (US$)	1.789	1.897	-0.034	1.17
FT Japan (yen)	241.00	256.00	-4.80	..
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.784	2.957	-0.070	0.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	386.40	412.80	+8.10	0.06
British	1147.6	1214.2	-6.50	3.00
Emgng Mkts	188.00	200.20	+4.00	0.20
European	526.00	559.30	+5.60	1.00
Japan	164.20	174.20	+1.90	...
New Pacific	451.50	480.60	+7.00	0.66
Investment Tst	252.40	267.50	-1.30	0.91
Mngd Equity	189.80	200.90	-0.20	1.30
Mngd Cash	95.76	95.76	+0.01	4.64
Majority Stlg	99.88	100.88	...	4.33
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	890.80	952.70	-9.90	2.31
North America	136.80	146.30	+0.70	0.39
Far East	169.00	180.70	+1.40	
Wwide Bond	63.07	66.95	+0.12	5.24
European	106.30	113.70	+0.20	...
Equity Income	102.90	110.10	-1.30	3.27
Portfolio	93.38	99.57	+0.44	0.45
UK Leading Cos	63.04	67.06	-1.01	2.77
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	74.27	79.43	+0.73	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	36.65	39.20	+0.30	0.39
Managed Assets	137.38	146.94	-0.57	2.31
UK Income	43.06	46.06	-0.28	2.44
UK Growth	42.36	45.31	-0.27	1.53
Worldwide Growth	37.09	39.67	+0.14	0.29
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	53.48	57.20	+0.67	..
Cap Protector Inc	47.01	50.28	-0.34	2.30
UK Income Inc	57.40	61.39	-0.67	2.54
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	35.13	37.57	-0.47	3.38
Mngd High Yld Inc	87.88	93.99	-1.28	3.49
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	83.89	89.72	-1.35	2.51
Mngd Wwide Gth	40.11	42.90	+0.47	...
UK Smaller Cos	38.60	41.28	-0.06	1.45
Pacific Grth Port	52.95	56.63	+0.21	..
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	591.90	626.40	-7.90	1.83
Fixed Int Dist	127.70	132.30	-0.60	6.83
UK Indx Trck Dist	141.40	149.60	-2.00	2.52
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	232.44	247.23	+4.38	..
Brit Growth	101.15	107.61	-1.43	1.54
European	113.82	121.09	-0.39	0.14
Extra Income	224.12	238.43	-2.26	3.35
Smaller Cos	82.98	88.27	-0.22	0.63
General	313.84	333.87	-4.51	1.94
Premier Income	56.52	58.88	-0.26	5.53
Income	385.93	410.56	-5.53	2.95
Pacific	465.22	494.91	+3.87	...
International	587.93	625.46	+1.38	0.07
Nat Resources	184.09	195.84	+1.62	0.01
Sterd Opps	122.19	129.99	+0.13	0.80
Environmental Inv	68.34	72.70	-0.50	1.34
Selector	70.86	75.38	-0.53	1.87
High Income	72.45	77.08	-0.49	4.04
Intl Income	64.17	68.27	-0.06	4.42
Selector Income	68.46	72.83	-0.60	4.56
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	361.90	380.90	-4.50	2.43
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA 031 228 3932				
Glob Growth Inc	213.85	228.71	+0.98	1.44
Glob Balncd Inc	182.52	195.21	+0.72	2.45
Value Tst Inc	128.27	137.18	-0.01	1.29
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smllr Cos	71.04	75.77	+0.68	.
European Opps	...	...	...	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.58	46.85	+0.05	8.09
Japan Tst	89.78	95.67	+1.15	..
Little Dragons	119.51	127.47	+1.73	0.36
Oriental Income	53.93	57.52	+0.42	4.30
Tiger	330.79	352.84	+5.73	0.45
UK Blue Chip	67.63	72.21	-1.16	2.74
UK Smllr Cos	111.40	119.14	+0.08	1.69
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	236.15	251.22	+3.76	0.63
European Growth	287.40	304.82	+0.96	1.06
Exempt	578.08	603.48	-8.54	3.17
Far Eastern				
UK High Yield	116.00	123.40	-1.47	3.10
Iberian Growth	52.19	55.52	+0.18	..
Intl Growth	116.38	123.96	+1.29	0.93
Preference	133.16	141.66	-0.39	7.69
UK Recovery	296.21	315.12	-3.57	1.77
UK Smllr Cos Div	113.21	120.43	+0.30	4.03
Smaller Cos				
UK Growth	552.64	587.91	-4.10	1.91
WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5055				
Exempt	371.70	391.30		2.01
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	35.16	37.40	+0.18	0.50
Pacific Basin	44.56	47.40	+0.62	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	38.92	41.40	+1.21	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.94	0.9791	-0.003	5.62
Penny Share	31.77	33.79	+0.10	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462				
Challenger	104.40	106.80	-0.50	..
Short Dtd Gilt	115.30	116.80	-0.10	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7232	0.7323	-0.000	2.27
Gilt Income	55.36	57.61	-0.29	6.25
Gilt Growth	76.74	79.85	-0.97	..
City Reserve	52.00	52.01	+0.01	4.36
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	83.79	89.13	-0.36	1.52

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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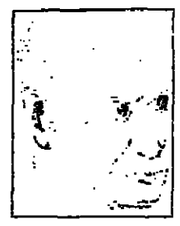
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds *In the Name of the Father* powerful and moving



Daniel Day-Lewis plays Gerard Conlon and Emma Thompson his solicitor in Jim Sheridan's controversial film of the conviction and release, after 14 years, of the Guildford Four

Fact exploded by fiction

One week Daniel Day-Lewis glides through New York's best-appointed drawing rooms in *The Age of Innocence*; the next he is an Irish ruffian (black leather jacket, tousled hair) stealing lead from roofs. But **In the Name of the Father** does not leave this chameleon actor a plain paddy thief for long. During the opening credits, pubs in Guildford are blown up by the long arm of the IRA. Before half an hour is out, Day-Lewis's Gerry Conlon becomes one of the Guildford Four — convenient scapegoats arrested in the early days of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, then tried and wrongfully imprisoned for a crime they took no part in.

Jim Sheridan's controversial and powerful film grabs the attention with its urgent portrayal of disturbing events whose shock waves can still be felt throughout the British legal system and society at large. Even the jarring spectacle of Emma Thompson as Conlon's dogged attorney, fraught with worry at the wheel of her car or bleating out a quaint "Righty-ho!", does not disrupt the momentum.

Events span 15 years, from the pub bombings in October 1974 to the moment in 1989 when the Four's convictions, along with those of family and friends, were overturned after conclusive proof of withheld evidence and coerced confessions. To fit the story into under two hours many events have been telescoped, and as the film's detractors eagerly point out, fact sometimes slips into semi-fiction.

But Sheridan is making a commercial feature for the international market, not a hard-hitting BBC documentary; and the script's streamlining brings obvious dramatic benefits, sucking audiences right inside its story of father and son, of wrongs finally righted. Maybe Corin Redgrave's police official Dixon, the man depicted as the chief obstructor in the Four's fight for justice, is too much a cardboard bogy, but all tales of injustice need a villain to finger. The main drawback is that Conlon's 14 long years of imprisonment feel like five, at the most.

Sheridan told *The Times* on Tuesday: "I wanted to lift the story out of England/Ireland relations, and the kneejerk reactions that go with that." If you look at the film with open eyes, it is clear that he has succeeded. *In the Name of the Father* offers no partisan political harangue, but an emotional story about ordinary folk trapped between the IRA and the British Establishment; a story about a wayward son locked in the same prison cell with Giuseppe, the quiet, upstanding father he gradually grows to love. The tense scenes between the two, so admirably played by Day-Lewis and Pete Postlethwaite, lie at the film's heart; by contrast Emma Thompson's character, despite prominent billing, lives only on the fringes.

Sheridan and his cameraman Peter Biziou stage events with a rough, quasi-realistic look that prevents the film settling into the Hollywood rut. *In the Name of the Father*, a big improvement on Sheridan's earlier *The Field* and a worthy successor to *My Left Foot*, has a precious power to move and provoke. See it.

Injustice of a different kind is featured in **Free Willy**, a family film which tugged at America's heart all last summer. Willy, you see, is an orca, a 7,000lb whale with art deco colouring plucked from happy times larking in the ocean spray to sulk and thrash in an adventure park tank. He finds a soulmate in Jesse, an abandoned, aggressive child parked with foster parents. Pretty soon Jesse is feeding him salmon, stroking his tongue, and helping the whale to escape captivity.

It says much about audiences' hunger for clean family fun that this pile of cinematic blubber could attract such queues. There are ways of tickling the public and being ecologically correct without resorting to tedious stereotypes, but director Simon Wincer and his colleagues have not bothered to find them. They take the easy route. You know the terrain: a chubby kid with curly hair, a greedy park owner who sees only dollars, a wise Indian handyman (good for a bit of native lore), a lissom lady animal trainer (good for a flash of midriff), all yoked to a plot as predictable as sliced white bread.

The cast includes cute little urchin Jason James Richter and Michael Madsen, so memorable as the dancing thug in *Reservoir Dogs*. But the film's only asset, of course, is the whale. Given the creature's obvious intelligence, it would be interesting to hear what *he* thought of the script.

"Is this Musketeer headquarters?" d'Artagnan asks, newly arrived in Paris. So much for any period flavour. But Disney's new edition of **The Three Musketeers** was never designed to be true to historical times. "You got it?". "Bad timing!": contemporary expressions just spew from the mouths of the bratpack cast (Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Chris O'Donnell) while jangling spurs, galloping hooves and gunfire keep the soundtrack at the deafening level young audiences love.

The trouble with *The Three Musketeers*, however, is not the contemporary trappings plastered over Dumas's familiar story. If adroitly handled, they could have been fun. But Stephen Herek, past director of *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, appears to be filming by numbers.

Two characterisations pierce the bland surface. Oliver Platt's Porthos has an appealing, sly swagger, while Tim Curry's Cardinal Richelieu (pronounced Reeshloo, if you please) serves a succulent slice of ham. But other musketeers and Rebecca de Mornay's Milady de Winter punch the air to no effect. A wearisome film, this, and one that can make even audiences in their twenties feel old.

Given Edith Wharton's new prominence in moviegoers' eyes, and the high profiles of two of the stars, it is a little surprising to find **Ethan Frome** crouching under Waterloo Bridge for ten performances at the National Film Theatre. True, this clean and sober adaptation of Wharton's novel lacks the blazing creativity of Scorsese's *The Age of Innocence*. But Liam Neeson and Patricia Arquette are not to be sniffed at, and John Madden's film makes some headway into Wharton's grim tale of thwarted love.

"We leave the Fromes alone, Reverend," a newcomer to the remote town of Starkfield, Massachusetts, is told, after Ethan Frome hobbles into view, face and clothes wizened, the right leg yanked out of shape. We soon learn why. Locked into a bleak marriage with a hypochondriac wife, the younger Frome falls for his lively housekeeper (Patricia Arquette). But fate and his wife's bile stamp out any chance of happiness.

Neeson's performance as the thwarted lover is big and brooding, though it needs a more imaginative frame. Madden's visual approach is strictly functional, and the ravishing snowy landscapes, fit for a New England calendar, cannot suggest the claustrophobic wilderness Wharton's tale needs. A rough edge or three would have allowed this *Ethan Frome* to stand up for itself, and not be a mere film of the book.

In the Name of the Father
Plaza, 15, 113 mins
Powerful film about the Guildford Four

Free Willy
Warner West End, U, 112 mins
Family film aims low and hits

The Three Musketeers
Warner West End, PG, 106 mins
Noisy, youthful, empty, unnecessary

Ethan Frome
National Film Theatre, 106 mins
Polite account of Edith Wharton's grim novel

Bosnia in the frame

How Sarajevo's film-makers are defying bombs and shortages

Every film-maker has to grapple with breaking the budget, running over schedule and juggling actors' fragile egos. But only Saga, the Sarajevo Group of Artists, also has to contend with daily sniper fire and bombardment by mortars and artillery.

Like many in the besieged Bosnian capital, Saga's members are determined to lead as normal a life as possible, and carry on filming even as the carnage rages around them, sometimes just a few yards away.

When the skies daily rain death and destruction from the Serb gunners in their eyries outside the city, every take, every frame is a gesture of defiance that says even in war, culture cannot be extinguished. In Sarajevo to step outside the door can mean death or injury, but its inhabitants still risk their lives to see a play, watch a film or listen to a concert.

"Even with the war we don't miss much," says Saga director Pjer Zalica, an assistant professor at Sarajevo's film and theatre company. "We have a symphony orchestra, the theatres work, although only during the day because of the curfew, our painters are still painting, and we are making films. We live in a kind of anaesthesia. When you walk home and see five people killed you just have to eat and forget it or you will go mad."

Saga was set up a decade ago, initially producing music video clips and commercials. Its members are drawn from all parts of Bosnia's national and religious mosaic, including Serbs, Muslims and Jews, and ethnic mixes of all kinds.

Now they document the destruction of Bosnia and see themselves as fighters, but wielding cameras instead of Kalashnikovs. "Culture is our only way to survive as human beings," Zalica says. "It gives spirit and sense to life, otherwise you live like an animal."

Saga's members have just returned to Sarajevo after showing their films at Budapest's Sarajevo Film Week to crowded houses every night. They have also played in New York, Cannes, Pisa and Montreal, and plan to go to Cannes and Berlin this year.

Even with their determination every film is a struggle to make. There are no film laboratories in Sarajevo now, so Saga shoots on video. Money and equipment are in short supply, although Saga is supported by the Soros foundation.

Their works range from shorts such as the recent snatches of Sarajevo street life shown on BBC2, to longer feature films such as *Confessions of a Monster* about Borislav Herak, a convicted war criminal now in prison in Sarajevo. *Godot Sarajevo*, directed by Zalica, follows Susan Sontag's visit last summer when she staged Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*.

"She has a good will and she came to live and work with us in almost the same conditions in which we live," Zalica says. Like many Sarajevans, he is cynical about the hordes of journalists who fly in for a quick fix of blood before jetting off again.

"Some reporters are good but others come on a war safari to promote themselves. They write stupid stories which don't tell people what is going on. We are not asking for help. We want to help Europe because Europe does not understand that something powerful and evil is knocking on their door."

The Bosnian Serbs apparently also recognise the importance of culture. When they are not targeting children playing in the street they casually lob a few shells at cultural events.

Once they hit a theatre with three mortars before a performance. "I was glad in a crazy way," Zalica says. "It means they care about what we do."

ADAM LE BOR

Man of Mold

ARTS BRIEFING

FOR those who fear that Sir Anthony Hopkins will never return to the stage, a green shoot of hope appears in Mold, North Wales. It is here, at the Theatre Clwyd, that Hopkins has vowed to resume his theatrical career before the year is out. He has yet to decide on the role, but is certain to direct as well as to star. "If Master Branagh, whom I greatly admire, can do both, then I would like to think that I can too," he says. Inexperienced though he may be (*Equus* in Los Angeles is his main credit so far), we must hope he fares better than the chaotic Welsh director whom he played with such ominous conviction in *A Chorus of Disapproval*.

● IT IS clearly the season for stars to fall out with opera houses. In New York, the Metropolitan Opera has dispensed with the services of the soprano Kathleen Battle, claiming she was "unprofessional" during rehearsals for Donizetti's *La fille du régiment*. Battle's abrasive personality appears to have distressed her sensitive colleagues.

Meanwhile, Covent Garden has had to rush in a Canadian conductor, Mario Bernardi, to rescue its production of Massenet's *Chérubin*, which opens on Monday. Bernardi, who is apparently a big name in Ottawa, replaces the maverick Russian maestro Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, who stands accused of conducting "too slowly". From a company that has Jeffrey Tate as its principal conductor, this seems odd. Insiders say that a more likely area of dispute was the Russian's reluctance to over-commit himself during rehearsals.

ROCK: **Paul Sexton** relives some Seventies grooves

High-scoring funk

Ohio Players
Jazz Café, NW1

This Camden club is developing the habit of producing legendary but half forgotten Seventies bands out of a hat. Last October they brought War back to Britain for the first time in a dozen years; the consensus among the Ohio Players was that it was even longer since their last visit, and the modest attendance at the first of a five-night engagement suggested that the memory test was beyond most.

Among the true forefathers of funk, the Players built a power base from their home town of Dayton that, like War, took them to a huge, integrated American audience throughout the 1970s. Pop audiences here never quite got the message, but their batting average in the US was breathtaking: five gold albums, with half a million sales apiece in three years, two chart-topping singles and five gold 45s in all. The legend extended beyond their music and on to their sleeves: the Players' albums famously featured a series of black women, bald and barely-clad, in sado-masochistic poses.

Two members from their halcyon days remain in the current five-piece line-up. Lead singer Leroy "Sugarfoot" Bonner still sports an admirable bouffant that a young James Brown himself would have prized, his moves and looks making him seem for all the world like Prince's papa.

Three younger Players joined Bonner and drummer James "Diamond" Williams in a jetlagged but spirited team performance. Guitarist Chet Willis, bassist Darwin Dortch and keyboard player Ronald Nooks have the same funky bones as the group's older statesmen. And all five sang sweetly.

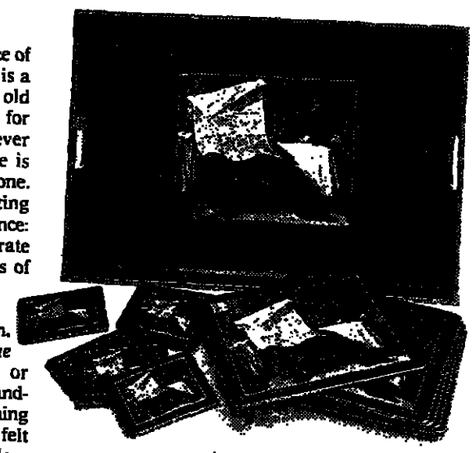
The accent as always was on grooves, and once established they liked to let them run in a relaxed spiral, often for ten minutes at a time, but their nevertheless economical performance never wandered too far from their specialist subject, the administering of fatback funk and rich soul balladeering. "Skin Tight" and "Sweet Sticky Thing" provided a healthy dose.

By the time the show was peaking, the audience had warmed to their unpresumptuous and affable manner and took an invigorating ride on "Love Rollercoaster", the Players' second US No 1 from 1975. The first, "Fire", from a year earlier, was given its due as their most famous song and made a festive encore. Soul music may have turned a few pages since Ohio was its capital, but this made for enjoyable re-reading.

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THE STUDY OF ITALIAN OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: The drawings themselves are fascinatingly diverse and full of wonders. But this is as much a show about ideas; it tries, with considerable success, to introduce us to the world of connoisseurship and make scholarship come alive. The peg for this is the career of Philip Pouncey, for many years the Deputy Keeper of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum and later a director of Sotheby's. The show sends one away with a new respect for the kind of connoisseur who now seems to be an endangered species.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm.

THE MADNESS OF ESME AND SHAZ: First night of previews for Sarah Daniels' new play in which God sends a troublesome niece to disturb the *retirement years of a woman who'd rather be learning the piano.*
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554) Tonight-Mon, 7.45pm. Opens Feb 15, 7pm.

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: In one of his regular outings with the period-instrument specialists, Simon Rattle conducts two concerts, one of which combines Haydn's Symphony No 90 with Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony, the other follows Mozart's Symphony No 40 with Schubert's Great C Major.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

CAMBRIDGE: The Royal Ballet's **Dance Bites** initiative continues its first tour. The repertoire includes William Forsyth's big hit *Herman Schmerman*, new ballets from William Tuckett and Matthew Hart and the "white hall" of Ashton's *Monotones*. Plus Ashley Page's *Renard*, a new piece set to the Stravinsky score and designed by the bold Scottish artist Bruce McLean.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (0223 357851) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

IPSWICH: Hettie MacDonald directs a co-production with Oxford Stage Company of Miller's *All My Sons*. Plays here for a short run before setting off for Taunton and a nine-venue tour.
Wolsey Theatre, Civic Drive (0473 253725) Tues-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; *mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm*

MANCHESTER: A security guard, a hairdresser and her violent boyfriend are the ingredients of a promenade production using computer graphics, video projections and dance to suggest a virtual reality experience. Kevin Fegan's **Strange Attractions**, subtitled Love in a Virtual World.
Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Feb 26.
Today's events in the city's **Northern Lights** music festival are the second performance of John Casken's String Quartet No 2, given by the Lindsay Quartet in a free lunchtime concert and an evening concert by the pupils of the renowned Chetham's School of their own compositions.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road (061-273 4865), 1.10pm. **Chetham's School**, Longmillgate Hall (061-834 9644), 7.30pm. Tickets £2 on the door.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life, Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum:** Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai, to Feb 12 (071-636 1555) **Festival Hall:** Photographs of Sebastião Salgado, to Feb 13 (071-928 3002) **National Portrait Gallery:** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) **National Gallery:** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) **Royal Academy of Arts:** Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) **Serpentine:** Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) **Tate:** Writing on the Wall, women artists (071-887 8008) **V&A:** Fabergé (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY:** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **APRIL IN PARIS:** Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

■ **BAD COMPANY:** Opening night for the latest play by Simon Bent, author of *Wasted*. Set in a Northern seaside resort where a group of twentysomethings are fumbling their way towards love and loyalty.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm. Until Mar 4.

□ **THE CARETAKER:** National Theatre of Cracow play a lightning visit to London with a highly physical production of Pinter. Performed in Romanian.
Watermans, Brentford High St (081-568 1176) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

□ **GORMENGHAST:** Another welcome return for the David Glass Ensemble and their strikingly staged version of the Mervyn Peake novel.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

□ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR:** Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, Sun 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm

■ **EDDIE IZZARD:** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19

◪ **MACBETH:** Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound and his dame in Adrian Noble's goodish production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, 7.15pm

◪ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE:** French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm

□ **PIAF:** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm

□ **RELATIVE VALUES:** Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER:** Revival of Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim, a snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor. James Saxon leads the almost unchanged cast. Recommended.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York and Michael Praed.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm

◪ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. *With Denis Quilley, Julia McKenzie.*
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2pm and 7.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. □ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) .. □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) .. ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ◪ **Hot Stuff:** Cambridge (071-494 5040) .. ◪ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) .. ◪ **Medea:** Wyndham's (071-867 1116) .. ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) .. □ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) .. ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◪ **She Stoops to Conquer:** Queens (071-494 5041) .. ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) □ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) .. □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BLUE KITE: Tian Zhuangzhuang's powerful, beautiful study of one family's travails in post-war China.
ICA (071-930 3647)

BODIES, REST & MOTION (15): A likable cast, but a hollow film about rootless lives. Michael Steinberg directs Bridget Fonda, Tim Roth, Eric Stoltz.
MGMs Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

THE CONFORMIST (18): Bertolucci's spellbinding version of Moravia's novel about a professor sucked into 1930s Fascism, made in 1969.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

JACK BE NIMBLE (18): An adopted child (Alexis Arquette) grows up weird and violent. Jumbled but striking first feature from New Zealand talent Garth Maxwell.
Metro (071-437 0757)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marie Poiré.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG): The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel stars Mike Myers and Dana Carvey.
MGMs Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Empire** (0800 888911) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): Overblown sequel of America's most macabre household, with good stretches. Barry Sonnenfeld directs.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
Warner (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE HOUR OF THE PIG** (15): Medieval romp with serious twinges, ideal for BBC2. With Colin Firth, Nicol Williamson; director, Leslie Megahey.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914 666)

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Benign and frivolous comedy stars Woody Allen, Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Chris Columbus directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Eastwood also directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **TOMBSTONE** (15): Unremarkable return to the OK Corral, with Kurt Russell (Wyatt Earp) and Val Kilmer (Doc Holliday). George P. Cosmatos directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426-914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: A stage retelling of a Balzac novel that leaves the greatest Victorians looking timid

Enriched by sexual corruption

TRISTRAM KENTON



Passionate performance: a cast of eight portray all the characters in a 300-page slice of the *Comédie Humaine*

Père Goriot
Orange Tree, Richmond

I RECALL Shared Experience successfully miming and chattering its way through Dickens's *Bleak House* with a cast of four dressed in denim. On the other hand, we have all seen classic novels wilfully fail to come to life on television in spite (or because) of having dozens of the right faces and the right clothes in the right places. What counts more than authenticity is energy, inventiveness and, above all, the ability to nudge rather than commandeer an audience's imagination.

How, then, are we to grade Geoffrey Beevers's production, which asks eight performers to play a 300-page slice of the *Comédie Humaine*? Certainly not gamma or beta-minus, but not quite alpha either. There is no doubting the passion everyone brings to Balzac's tale. Yet somehow it matters that the same performers play two, three major characters, often with little more than a change of frock or waistcoat. What's missing is the physical versatility — maybe just a slant of the head here, a twist of the shoulders there — that yesterday's Shared Experience or today's Théâtre de Complicité would have brought to the task of putting the page on the stage.

As a result, it will take time for those of you unfamiliar with the original to identify Mesdames Couture and Vauquer and distinguish them from Mesdames Beauseant and Langeais. But once you have inured yourself to Beevers's relatively conventional approach, you should yield to the pull of a novel that leaves the greatest Victorians looking timid. Dickens's London had no peer when it came to greed and snobbery. But Balzac and his Paris added sexual corruption to the urban stew, and it enriches it greatly.

Where should the ambitious but poor law-student Eugene (Michael Higgs) give his heart? To his sweet fellow lodger Victorine (Sian Reeves), who adores him? Or to glamorous, unhappily wed Delphine (Karen Ascoe), who wants a new lover? The villainous Vautrin — as played by Will Knightley a smiling, growling blend of Milton's Lucifer and me-generation Machiavelli — has his own sinister reasons for pushing Victorine's claims.

But the odd thing is that if Eugene chooses her he will displease nobody more than Delphine's father. Old Goriot (David Neal) lives to spoil his daughters, not noticing that they have much in common with Goneril and Regan. He has already impoverished himself for them, and, if Delphine wants to set up sexual shop with Eugene, he will pawn his own fingernails to ensure she can do so. It is an obsession that has its absurdities — "Let me keep it," cries this lodging-house Lear, hearing that Delphine has dropped a tear on Eugene's waistcoat — but it has an awful inbuilt fascination. Fascination enough to send any ordinarily curious person home to read or reread the novel? I think so, and, if I am right, the adaptation has justified itself.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERTS: Settings of the Romantic poet Friedrich Rückert, and Pehkonen's invocation of Russian barbarism

More fire and pearls

Margaret Price
Wigmore Hall

THERE is always an element of the unpredictable in any recital given by Margaret Price. It is as if, living in voluntary exile in Germany, and having been under-used in her prime by English opera houses, the great Welsh soprano still feels uncertain of the affection and admiration of her *British public. And this despite her* recent Dame-hood, and despite the roar of applause which always greets her going out and her coming in.

On Friday she launched herself with near abandon into Schumann's enraptured "Widmung" or "Dedication", the sails of her voice filling amply to carry her through each apostrophising phrase. If this start to a recital of settings of the Romantic poet Friedrich Rückert was a little overblown, then the voice scaled itself down suitably for Schumann's little snowdrop song, before returning, now more mellow, to the mood of the composer's great songcycle *Frauenliebe und Leben* for two Bridal Songs.

The still under-performed songs of Carl Loewe, Schumann's elder contemporary, came next. Price still seemed a little feverish in her response to the music, though a sense of nervous *hyperactivity was not altogether inap*propriate for the tongue-twisting character songs, "O süsse Mutter" and "Kleiner Haushalt". Their verbal wit and picture-book images were clearly enjoyed by her accompanist, Graham Johnson.

There were times in the evening, though, when even he — the arch diplomat of the recital stage — seemed just slightly edgy at what he was doubtless picking up of his singer's own unease. As Price returned to Schumann, the voice tended to lie heavy on the musical line, weighing *down intonation and concentrating* hard in order to move with apparent ease between its registers.

Price came into her own, though, with the five Rückert settings by Mahler with which she ended her recital. The heart of darkness revealed in songs like "Am Mitternacht" and the light, aching breaths of "Ich atmet' einen linden Duft" and "Liebst du um Schönheit" seemed psychologically and musically in tune with Price's voice. They liberated both its fire and its pearly translucency, and released the ardour of the musical and verbal response still very much at the heart of her artistry.

HILARY FINCH

Requiem for Stalin's dead

Bach Choir/Willcocks
Festival Hall

THE pattern of a Latin requiem mass interspersed with settings of text in another language is not new, Britten's *War Requiem* being the paradigmatic example of the genre. The *Russian Requiem* by Elis Pehkonen, a Norfolk-born composer of Finnish extraction, has formal similarities to the Britten, *though it would be misleading to* suggest they are in the same league.

The choice of texts for the *Russian Requiem* — by Dante, Pasternak, Lenin and St John the Divine — gives some idea of its curious philosophical standpoint: the hell invoked is not only the conventional religious concept, but also the barbarism of Russia under Stalin. To impute those horrors to Lenin may be anti-historical, but Pehkonen in any case extracts only slogans from his writings. These are, unsurprisingly, the weakest passages of the work: one phrase after another for sopranos and altos is echoed by tenors and basses without very much in the way of thematic development or textural variation.

The Offertorium has a more skilfully contrived climax ("Deliver them from the jaws of the lion"), powerfully delivered by the Bach Choir and City of *London Sinfonia under David Will*cocks, and the Agnus Dei brings the work to an effective close, repeated, slow-moving figures depicting the snow on the ground and the symbolic candle burning.

Alison Pearce and Katarina Karneus were the soprano and mezzo-soprano soloists, both eloquent and secure. They returned later for Vivaldi's Gloria, and did their best under Willcocks's unidiomatic direction. The problem was not so much the size of the choir (some 200 strong) — indeed the ensemble sections were generally *the most successful — as the lack of* appropriate shaping of phrases and articulation.

Whether it was Willcocks or the soloist, John Wallace, who was responsible for the over-zealous tempi of the Suite in D for trumpet and strings by Handel, the effect was to diminish the work. Wallace's technique is brilliant enough to get round the notes even at these breakneck speeds, but baroque dance movements call primarily for poise and grace, not virtuosity. Wallace's enviable facility was also his downfall in matters of ornamentation, which by any standards exceeded the bounds of good taste.

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Richard Cork recalls how, as an 18-year-old student, he came face-to-face with the most revered artist of the century

The day I drew Picasso

Even seen at a distance, eating his lunch at an open-air restaurant in Cannes harbour, Picasso was instantly recognisable. I was an 18-year-old student, filling in time before university by travelling round Europe and Morocco in a battered and unreliable Bedford van. Having run out of money, I found a boat-painting job on the waterfront. But I spent much of the time drawing, and was lucky enough to be carrying an ample sketchbook when my encounter with the octogenarian artist took place.

By 1965, Picasso had become a fairly reclusive figure who spent most of his time shut away working high in the hills near Mougins. So I was doubly astonished to find him seated at a table with his wife, Jacqueline, and three companions. Without my friend's prompting, I would never have dared to walk over and ask for his signature. Nor did I imagine, as I nervously introduced myself and offered my sketchbook, that he would comply.

But my request was generously granted. Taking the large sheet I passed over, Picasso inscribed his name across the top of the paper. Then, as if unable to resist the blankness below, he added an exuberant linear flourish on the rest of the page. I saw these sprightly, billowing forms as a purely abstract image. But Picasso's art, even at its least representational, was usually anchored in observed reality. So the curves may well refer to a cloud, the wind-rippled sea or the shape assumed by Cannes harbour, dominating his lunchtime vantage.

Delighted, I thanked him and embarked on a halting conversation. Since Picasso's English was even poorer than my French, an extravagantly dressed American woman at the table acted as our interpreter. She kept describing him as "the Maestro", and it was difficult to combat her gushing interjections. But I did manage to tell Picasso of my voracious interest in art and my admiration for his work — especially the convulsive *Three Dancers*, which the Tate had just acquired from his own collection.

After a while, I returned to the boat and proudly displayed the fruit of my visit. But the friend who had encouraged me to introduce myself to Picasso could see that the lunch party was still in progress. "Is that all?" he asked, looking at the signature. "Why on earth don't you go back and make the most of it? You won't get a chance like this again — and he probably wouldn't mind if you drew his portrait."

Sketchbook under arm, I approached Picasso's table again. I thought it wise not to ask him whether he'd mind having his portrait drawn: a refusal at this stage might have wrecked the whole delicate enterprise. So I simply stood by the table, propped my pad against an ironwork screen, got out a stick of conté crayon and started to draw.



Portrait of the critic as a young artist: Richard Cork (bottom right) and friends (including actor Tim Curry, top left) in 1965

Once he noticed, Picasso grinned like an imp and made my task wickedly difficult. He acted out a range of expressions, both ridiculous and macabre — rolling his eyes, sticking out his tongue and brandishing his hands in fantastical shapes on either side of his forehead. The entire performance was carried out with the gusto of an instinctive clown. I was tempted to give up the struggle; but the sheer high spirits of my playful sitter seemed tantamount to a challenge. However obstructive his antics, I felt that he was testing my persistence, in order, perhaps, to discover the true extent of my determination.

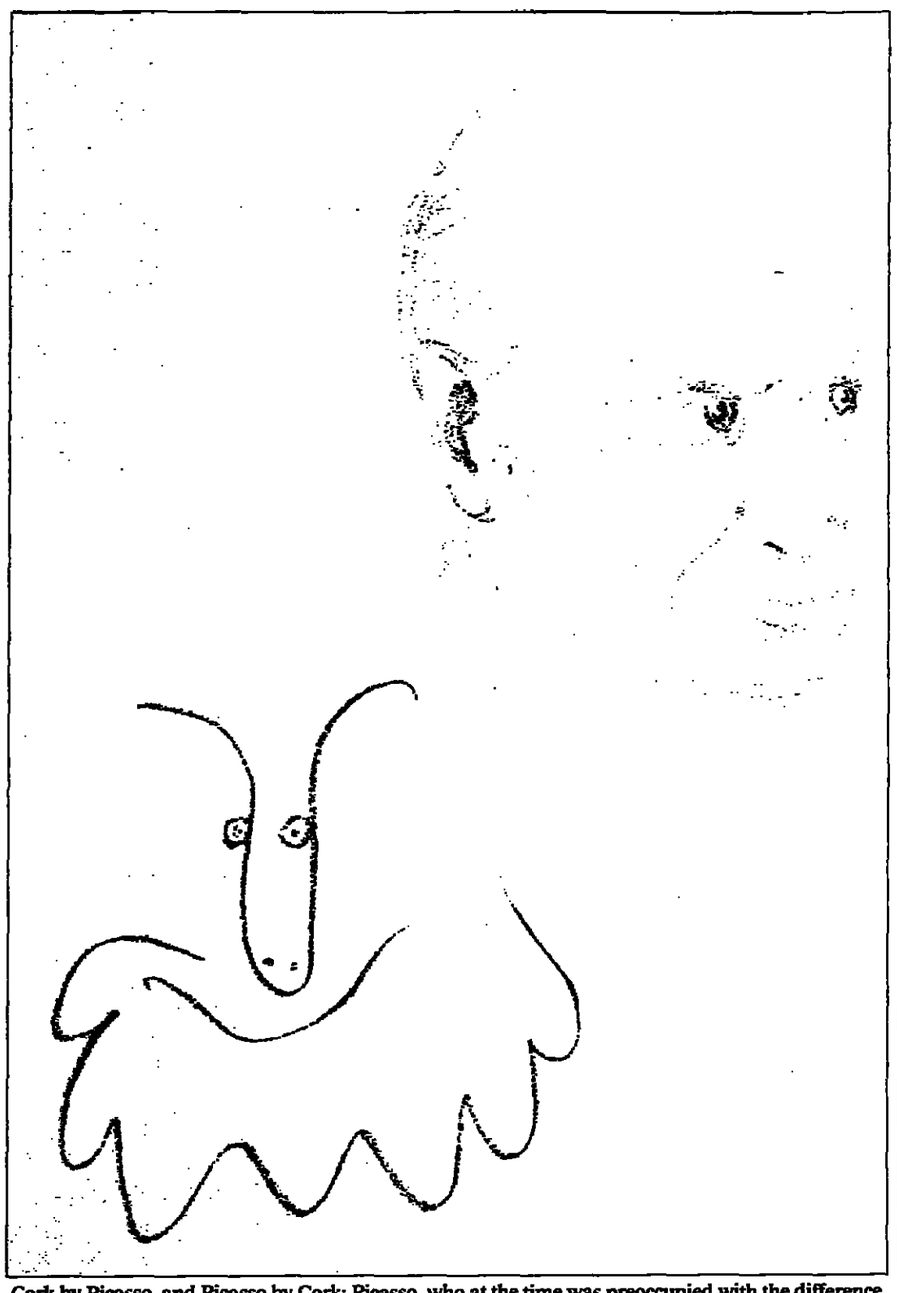
As if to bear this out, Picasso at last relented and lapsed into repose. For a few extraordinary minutes, he deliberately gave me the chance to study him without impediment. I noticed how tough and alert he appeared, still taut in a blue-and-white striped jersey. As compact in build as a wrestler, the deeply tanned figure resembled an athletic 60-year-old rather than a man who would soon be celebrating his 84th birthday. I marvelled at the youthfulness of his clear, dark eyes, set with startling intensity in features remarkably unencumbered by the folds of slack flesh on so many elderly faces.

The eyes were mesmerising, and I tried to give them the necessary forcefulness. After fastening themselves on whatever they wanted to scrutinise, they did not blink until the unwavering gaze moved elsewhere. He also seemed curiously removed and alone, even though there was plenty of company near by. His engaging burst of buffoonery could not disguise an underlying gravity of spirit. Content to let his friends do most of the talking, he sat in a very private and absorbed silence, pursuing his own isolated interests undisturbed.

When the American lady told me that "the Maestro" wanted to see his portrait, I became embarrassed and replied that it wasn't good enough to show him. Picasso insisted, however, and after I passed my sketchbook over he gave my efforts a generous nod. Then, to my astonishment, he announced that he would now draw my portrait. I lost no time in giving him my conté crayon, and his hand applied a few swift, decisive strokes to the paper. In a matter of seconds, with beguiling assurance, he outlined a bearded face below the head which had taken me so many anxious minutes to produce.

He handed the pad back, and there was a drawing blithely at odds with my dogged strivings. Picasso had moved one eye on to my nose, and summarised my smile in a single, irresistibly vivacious line. I look like an excitable satyr who has strayed from one of his more lighthearted mythological compositions. Perhaps he saw me as an intruder from another world, peering in at him with all the gauche curiosity of a young man amazed to find himself face to face with an artist I venerated.

At that time, Picasso was increasingly preoccupied with the absurd and painful difference between youth and old age: in March 1965, during a sustained bout of inventiveness, he had painted some 30 canvases on the obsessive theme of the ageing painter and his model. So he may have derived wry amusement from the juxtaposition of these two faces on the same page, and aimed to highlight their disparity by making my wide-eyed jauntiness oppose the sombre mood of his vigilant features.



Cork by Picasso, and Picasso by Cork: Picasso, who at the time was preoccupied with the difference between youth and old age, may have derived wry amusement from the juxtaposition of these faces

I thanked Picasso, and asked him if he would be kind enough to sign the portrait drawing. After consultations, the American explained that "the Maestro says you already have his signature". So there were limits to the beneficence he was prepared to bestow on me. All the same, I look back now and wonder at my good fortune. Meeting Picasso and, more important, receiving his attention meant an enormous amount. It made me realise that even this most protean and ungraspable of modern artists, whose achievements were often written about with an awe bordering on idolatry, remained at heart a man fired by an exuberant love of mark-making. Today, when I view the sheet with the two portraits, I am impressed above all by the salutary contrast between my tentative draughtsmanship and the joyful, effortless virtuosity of the face summarised beneath. Just look at that smile.

● *The exhibition*, Picasso: Sculptor/Painter, *sponsored by Ernst and Young, opens at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-887 8000), next Wednesday and continues until May 8*

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From anarchy to order

DANCE: A Belgian iconoclast turns towards classicism

THE acclaimed Belgian choreographer Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker has chosen to celebrate the tenth anniversary of her company with *Toccata*, a new work of great simplicity and austere elegance. Keersmaeker, who established herself as the iconoclastic star of avant-garde Belgian dance, has now reinvented herself as a New Classicist, closer to Balanchine than to her anarchic Flemish contemporaries.

Toccata is based around the music of Bach. The stage at the Théâtre de la Ville in Paris is occupied by a polished wooden platform, a sculptural object which echoes the form of the grand piano. There are three chairs ranged along the back and on each side, precisely spotlit. In being able to create a spectacle with just lighting and furniture, Keersmaeker rivals Robert Wilson, her teacher.

Jos Van Immerseel comes on stage and begins to play, the lighting shifts and his playing is notably delicate, with all the relief of hearing live music. It is indicative of Keersmaeker's aesthetic that simply listening to Bach and watching lights on the chairs is so satisfying: dancers almost seem an intrusion.

When they do come out, three women and a man, they, too, are listening to the music, and wearing fashionably fluid black flares. One takes off her jacket and begins to dance, the others sit and watch. When the others join in, hanging jackets on chairs, it resembles an 18th-century social dance, a minor salon ball, except that each dances alone, not with a partner. The dance is as abstract as Bach's music, as the company fall or slide repeatedly to the floor. Keersmaeker's dancers are as well versed in floor-falls as any judoist.

In an hour we are treated to variations in movement equivalent to Bach's musical variations, with nothing more than brilliant lighting by Remon Fromont. In the austerity of actions, costumes and set there is a real "minimalism" — one which some might find too chic, but one which nobody could fail to be refreshed by.

ADRIAN DANNATT

Slowly but surely

Stephen Pettitt talks to the gifted and dedicated young violinist, Frank Peter Zimmermann

Frank Peter Zimmermann has four things in common with Nigel Kennedy: he earns his living from playing the violin; he likes football — Barcelona is his favoured team; he was a success early in life; and he has an exclusive contract with EMI. There all similarities end. On Friday this sober-suited, gently humorous and civilised man, ten years Kennedy's junior, plays the Beeethoven Vidin Concerto at the Barbican with the London Symphony Orchestra and André Previn. Afterwards they take the work to Germany. Beethoven yet again?

"I think the Beethoven is the greatest piece for the violin. There's no other Violin Concerto where you can show the same variety of violin playing. I've given about 60 performances in the ast two years, but it still gets more challenging, more fascinating each time. So much depends on the conductor and orchestra. It's not like Saint-Saëns, with everybody doing a pizzicato accompaniment underneath you. It's a kind of symphony where you take part as one of the instruments. You have to find the roots of the orchestra."

That can be difficult, especially when you might have ideas about the seemingly inconsistent articulations of the finale, for instance. "I'm sure Beethoven wanted it like that, and sometimes I have to fight with conductors. In fact this is the only piece where I allow myself to stop the orchestra."

Despite his roughly fortnightly Beethoven, Zimmermann tries not to perform the other standard four or five concertos too often. He thinks that the base repertoire is broadening anyway. "Many violinists of my generation are starting to play a lot of modern music now. In Scandinavia you have to have at least one modern piece in each programme. It's a kind of law, and that is the right way."



Zimmermann: "I admire old violinists like Milstein or Heifetz, who kept their careers alive by growing slowly"

Just recently he has added the Britten concerto to his repertoire; he plays it for the first time this month, with Maazel in Pittsburgh. He has yet to commission a concerto, but would love to ask a composer like Henze.

Though concerto commitments constitute roughly 80 per cent of his workload, he still finds time for chamber music. "I just discovered the late chamber music of Fauré, and I've started playing the Ives sonatas. Very good music. Very hard." A similarly startling juxtaposition planned for next year is of Brahms's and Ligeti's horn trios, with as yet unspecified colleagues.

Zimmermann's hero is Nathan Milstein, and like that great violinist, he prefers to play on gut strings. They yield, he says, a greater variety of colour. Again like Milstein, he swears by a good Stradivarius. He owns a famous example, the "Hilton" Strad. "If you don't know how to handle this kind of instrument it sounds scratchy. On any other violin the player can show the violin the direction he wants to go, but in this case the instrument's the master. It's like if you drive a normal car and then you sit in a Formula One car. If you don't know how to handle it, whoops, you're in the next wall. But you discover things you'd never discover with any other instrument."

Will Zimmermann still be playing as freshly, still looking for new things, in 30 years' time? "I can't say. I admire the old violinists like Milstein and Heifetz, who kept their careers alive by growing slowly. Nowadays when a record company discovers a new talent they record as much as possible as quickly as possible. By the age of 30 he gets bored, the company gets bored, and someone new comes along. But thankfully," — a grin — "I am a slow musician."

● Frank Peter Zimmermann *plays Beethoven with the LSO on Friday at the Barbican (071-638 8891)*

MUSICAL CENTENARIES: Chabrier and Sax celebrated

Party with a sizzle

ENP/Daniel
Queen Elizabeth Hall

RARE is the occasion when critics and audiences share unanimous good humour. But there were smiles all round as the English Northern Philharmonia, under Paul Daniel's sturdy baton, commemorated the centenary of Emmanuel Chabrier's death with this sizzling party of a concert, which also featured eloquent readings by Robert Hardy of relevant extracts from the composers' and others' writings.

Probably the most outrageous piece of music was *Souvenirs de Munich*, for piano duet, played with due sunny abandon here by Roy Howat and Roger Nichols (who also wrote the narration). The themes are Wagner's, from *Tristan und Isolde* no less, which work Chabrier adored, but this frothy, irreverent reworking is all Chabrier. If anything sounds as if it might get too serious or too long, a brusque chord summarily declaims "Off with its head!", and off its head is jolly well chopped.

The eclectic Chabrier could be serious too. Here for instance we heard the overture to his opera *Gwendoline*. It was hailed by some as Wagnerian, yet Chabrier cannot resist touches like the oom-pah accompaniment which gives the game away halfway through. More convincing was the powerful, densely scored *La Sulamite* for mezzo-soprano (the heroic Ann Taylor-Morley), female chorus (from Opera North) and orchestra, a veritable whirlwind of inspiration which sometimes echoes or anticipates Berlioz, Debussy and Strauss.

The concert opened with the *Bourée Fantasque*, a late piano work which Chabrier began orchestrating but failed to finish. Robin Holloway has completed the job; this was the first time his results, deft and convincing, had been aired. Here as elsewhere Daniel seemed keener on brashness than on elegance. Even so, in this work and other extrovert pieces like the infectious *Marche Joyeuse*, the effervescent *Fête Polonaise* and the rampant *Danse Slave*, and the brilliant *España*, Daniel engineered swaggering and infectious rhythms; his orchestra, a disciplined and confident-sounding bunch these days, clearly enjoyed the romp.

Taylor-Morley also sang four songs with Roy Laughlin at the piano. Both the touching "Chanson pour Jeanne" and the childlike "Ballade des gros dindons" were tainted by her monochromatic tone and nervously wide vibrato. But she charmed us with the unvarying repetitions of "Que les amants ont de peine" and in the strophic naivety of "Les Metamorphoses".

STEPHEN PETTITT

Sax in all its variations

Park Lane Group
Queen Elizabeth Hall

WE WERE promised an Illustrated History of the Saxophone to celebrate the centenary of the instrument's inventor. What form this would have taken we shall never know. Neither Juliet Stephenson nor her replacement Miranda Richardson was able to make the show, so the script was abandoned and instead the Park Lane Group's Adolphe Sax Centenary Concert became a decidedly non-didactic, and hugely enjoyable, survey of the members of the saxophone family and the varied music associated with them.

There was, in truth, very little music to be heard from the 19th century. A number of French composers — Bizet, Massenet and Thomas among them — exploited the instrument's expressive potential in their scores, and that spawned a whole repertoire by lesser composers.

The closest we got to that was a couple of transcriptions — Debussy's *Syrinx* and Ravel's *Habanera* — played with a rare delicacy on the alto saxophone by John Harle. The more familiar Harle rasp was put to good use as bucolic colouring at the close of Bartók's Three Folk Songs.

The only other classical item was the slow movement from the Saxophone Sonata by the 20th-century American composer William Albright: a poignant lament beautifully played by Kyle Horch and Pamela Lidiard. For the rest it was a sequence of more or less jazzy or crossover numbers played by some of the finest young exponents of the instrument today. A set by Andy Sheppard with Steve Lodder juxtaposed sentiment and frenetic activity with startling results. Gerard McChrystal with Kathryn Page threatened to play Dave Heath's meditative *Dreams* and exuberant fantasy *Shiraz* "concurrently", raising spectres of John Cage, but in the event he gave one after the other in conventional fashion.

The first high spot of the evening had been the cool, exquisitely modulated tone of Dave Roach, in a couple of Edith Piaf numbers and his own *Love Is*. A short set by the old master Ronnie Scott (who had previously delivered a humorous potted autobiography) and his Trio, John Critchinson and Andy Clyndert, was followed by the final group of arrangements made and conducted by Ted White. The ensemble for these ranged from the sopranino to the bass saxophone, with everything in between, and White's arrangements made masterly, and witty, use of the characters of each instrument.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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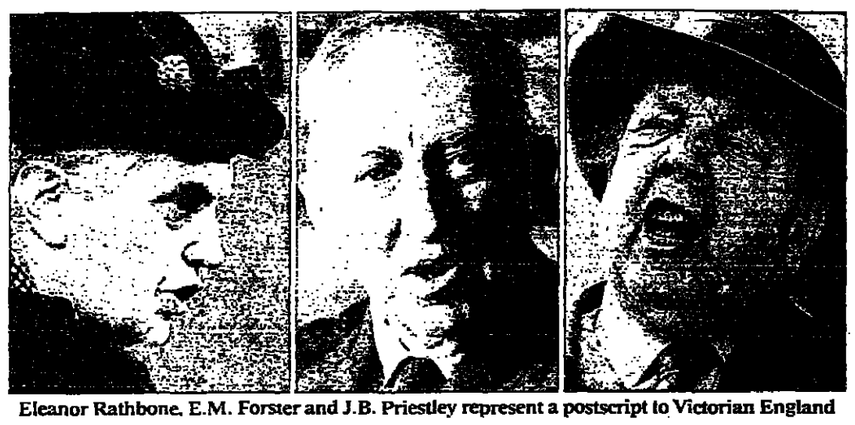
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Peter Ackroyd marvels at the survival of Victorian values but argues that their decline will uncover older notions of "Englishness"

Inverted Victorianism

AFTER THE VICTORIANS
Private Conscience and Public Duty in Modern Britain
Edited by Susan Pedersen and Peter Mandler
Routledge, £40



Eleanor Rathbone, E.M. Forster and J.B. Priestley represent a postscript to Victorian England

It used to be fashionable to cite the "modernity" of Victorian writers like Robert Browning and George Eliot; but the question ought not to be what is 20th-century about the Victorians but, rather, what remains 19th-century about us. The editors of this intriguing volume, for example, find a powerful and persistent current of ideas which were formulated in the 1850s and which endured into our own time — the belief in public morality, in the market economy, and in the *familial virtues*, was *the defining* ideal of English civilisation for more than a century. From this perspective, then, the book could be seen as a study in national decline; it might be said that the values of Victorian civilisation barely survived the Great War and the rise of the Labour Party before succumbing to the more meretricious aspects of English social life after the Second World War.

But a more complicated and interesting process has actually been at work. In a series of biographical essays (in posthumous honour of the historian, John Clive) the contributors describe the survival of a 19th-century "intelligentsia" which adapted Victorian principles to the various phenomena of the 20th century — in particular to the turmoil over conventional sexual roles, the rise of the corporate state, and the advent of mass culture. It is said that a great family can go to seed within three generations, but can the same truth be applied to nations?

The first case advanced is that of Henrietta Barnett, a woman born in the mid-19th century who devoted her life to "social action", but who managed to manipulate her individualistic and campaigning role within the accepted Victorian ideals of marriage. She has now disappeared from history, but she remains a very English type — the active, energetic and committed woman who conceals her real dominance by presenting herself as the orthodox "wife". This exemplary story is followed by an essay on George Lefroy, the very Victorian Bishop of Calcutta, who signally failed to convert the Indians but who left behind an institutional framework of hospitals and colleges which still survives; here again a typical example of Victorian "Englishness" whose passing we might feel cause to lament.

A more complicated example of the same phenomenon is explored in the life of Raymond Unwin. He was an Edwardian architect and town-planner, a democrat and socialist whose Victorian ideals of nationhood and liberal progress prevented him from understanding the realities of a more strident class system. He possessed "the high-mindedness characteristic of so many late Victorian social reformers" but spoke only of "individuals" and "communities" without ever coming to terms with the power of modern class or state. Unwin's choice of career as an architect also emphasises another theme of this book: there are several examples here of late Victorians who entered professions with the same moral seriousness that their predecessors had applied to church or government.

But in the process the crisis of the liberal intelligentsia actually became more acute, because their role in the professions or in social work meant that they came to accept the demands of the "enabling state" in a way which their parents could never have done. The case of Lord Reith is also proffered here; his commitment to public service and the public good echoed the words of Matthew Arnold, and yet he was also a child of the new time who attached those same values to a belief in collectivism and mass technology.

The essay on Eleanor Rathbone puts a similar point very well. She was a late Victorian who became a social reformer and a member of Parliament in the best 19th-century tradition of enlightened public service but she, too, became convinced of the efficacy of "state intervention". These inheritors of the Victorian dispensation actively colluded in their own demise: once they had accepted the concept of the active and enabling state, their role as individual reformers and moralists was inevitably eclipsed.

The essay here on E.M. Forster occupies more familiar territory but it manages to emphasise the other half of the Victorian inheritance — while some late Victorians maintained the standards of the old century within public service, others like Forster applied the same rectitude and moralism to the world of private relationships. That connection between public duty and private morality is explored in the life of Leonard Woolf; he believed that he was committed to generally "civilised" values, but in fact they were essentially Victorian values.

It might be said that the career of J.B. Priestley provides an idiosyncratic motif within these very public themes. He was a writer who devoted himself to celebrating what were also Victorian values of "self-help, self-culture, thrift and moral sobriety", but who argued that they were being subverted by the forces of the new century. In the end he despaired of an England which seemed to be drowning in a "mess of irresponsibility, mean devices and self-deception". If he believed that in the 1960s, what words of wrath would he have chosen for the 1990s?

But he was wrong to despair. He lamented the passing of a specific set of values, established in the mid-19th century, but there was no reason to confuse them with "Englishness" itself. The decline of one notion of Englishness may in fact lead to the resurgence of another — it is possible that the English may reacquire the licentiousness and vulgar energy of their mid-18th century forebears, for example, or the spiritual intensity of their ancient Catholic ancestors. The contemporary campaign espousing "back to basics" is in this context an absurdity — the "basics" of this nation are just as likely to be the trilithons of Stonehenge as the "three Rs" of the Victorian school curriculum. There are no "basics", only layers of previously acquired identities which persist through time. *After The Victorians* marks the decline of one such identity, but perhaps we can now look forward to the re-emergence of another.

The virtual reality of war

Ian McIntyre

NEWS FROM THE FRONT
The Life of a Television Reporter
By Sandy Gall
Heinemann, £16.99



Gall: finds his adventure

Television sells books. Ask Delia Smith. Entirely sensible, therefore, to put Sandy Gall's face on the dustcover — he did present *News at Ten* for 20 years, after all. The features are rugged and battered — a cross beteween W.H. Auden in late middle-age and the Old Man of Hoy. Sandy being more of a unisex name in America than here, the anchorman of ABC's breakfast show once assumed he was female and cued him into a live interview from Afghanistan accordingly. As Gall was all dressed up as a *mujahid* at the time the frisson must have been considerable. That's show business.

We read a lot about Gall's adventures with the *mujahidin*, but also travel with him to Pakistan in the 1970s, to Vietnam and Cambodia and to the Gulf. Born in Penang, brought up in Scotland, Gall has been reporting since 1953 and his work has been variously recognised — a CBE, the Lawrence of Arabia Medal, the Star of Pakistan.

The book does not have much shape, and Gall can be careless of detail — Zulfikar Bhutto was many things in his time, but was neither President of the Oxford Union nor an alumnus of Berkeley. Gall likes some foreigners more than others: "Unlike male Oriental giggling, which is frankly embarrassing, female Oriental giggling is delightful." A well-connected businessman first encountered in St Moritz is OK ("as far as I know he is the only Saudi who is a member of the Cresta"); the Thanh Loi Hotel in Hanoi, on the other hand, "was inhabited exclusively by large, overweight Russian technicians and their wives", and for them the eye of the needle was uncomfortably narrow.

In television, the picture is king and language sits well below the salt. Gall's adjectives, therefore, tend to the tabloid: cavalry regiments are "crack"; the Chinese cultural imprint on Vietnam is "indelible"; the late lamented Reggie Bosanquet is "inimitable".

If this makes less than compelling reading, it does suggest, perhaps unintentionally, serious questions about journalistic independence and *the proper distance between* journalists and officialdom.

Writing about the Gulf war, Gall utters a "vituperative word or two" about the censoring effect of the pool system. Accredited correspondents were subject to "military discipline and, needless to say, military incompetence". It was "the negation of good journalism". Elsewhere, however, it emerges that Gall sometimes judged he might leave his journalistic chastity belt more loosely fastened.

"Every schoolboy of my generation," he writes, "had read some Kipling." Possibly John Buchan and Bulldog Drummond, too. Lunching with someone from the intelligence service he hears of a young Afghan guerrilla leader who is thought to have the makings of a second Tito: "The words cut through the babble in the restaurant like a sword, shimmering in a smoky haze. It sounded like the adventure I had been looking for."

A small ethical question obtruded. Was an adventure still an adventure if it acquired some of the attributes of a facilities trip? The idea was General Zia's, who had remarked to Mrs Thatcher that "people like Sandy Gall must be encouraged to report what is happening in Afghanistan". The plan was that he should go in with a group of *mujahidin* who were to mount operations against Soviet and *Afghan regime targets*. "Zia wants to give you a personal protection squad of Pakistani Special Forces just in case anything goes wrong."

Gall did not take long to hack his way out of this moral maze. He was soon strolling with Zia among the roses of his Islamabad garden. Might they, he enquired, be kitted out with some SAM 7s? They were likely to encounter Mi24 gunships — it would make some spectacular pictures if one of them was shot down . . .

They crossed the frontier west of Peshawar, dressed in baggy trousers and with flat Chitrali *pukuls* on their heads. It was the freebie to end all freebies. A film crew operating under Special Forces protection, and equipped not only to bring to our screens the reality of war, but also to give that *reality* a corrective nudge if it turned out to be less exciting than the viewer has a right to expect.

The camera, of course, as every generation of schoolboy knows, never lies . . .

THE NATIONAL GALLERY



St Peter and St Dorothy, a detail from the St Bartholomew Altarpiece in the Sainsbury wing, the National Gallery

What's in a name?

Bruce Boucher

A VICTIM OF ANONYMITY
The Master of the Saint Bartholomew Altarpiece
By Neil MacGregor
Thames & Hudson, £6.95

THE WALTER Neurath Lectures have been an occasion for distinguished critics and scholars to survey a theme or artistic career for a quarter century. In the latest volume in the series, the director of the National Gallery deals with a German Renaissance artist known as the Master of the St Bartholomew Altarpiece. The subject is appropriate to the series, paying an indirect tribute to the Germanic origins of Neurath himself while drawing attention to a neglected painter whose meagre *oeuvre* is well represented in the Gallery.

The Bartholomew Master is hardly a name to conjure with, but his "existence" is symptomatic of the approach to German Renaissance art in vogue during the last century. Cologne was a great commercial and religious centre from the Middle Ages and enjoyed a flourishing school of art in the 15th century; yet, despite a plethora of documents concerning its artists, there are no surviving contracts nor signed paintings. Even the most celebrated altarpiece of the Cologne School, Stefan Lochner's *Adoration of the Kings* was only identified by a passing comment in one of Dürer's notebooks. The *oeuvre* of Lochner and his unidentified contemporaries were pieced together through the kind of taxonomical studies that led to groups of painting being named by the chief work of the artist's hand, hence the Master of the Life of the Virgin and the Bartholomew Master.

German Renaissance art fell victim to the Nazi propaganda machine in the 1930s, and it subsequently became taboo for post-war German scholars. Now revisionist studies have called into question *which* panel painting Dürer was shown in Cologne Cathedral, and it has also been suggested that far from being a German painter, the Bartholomew Master may well have been Netherlandish.

Neil MacGregor sees the absence of a name for so many Northern Renaissance painters as one of the obstacles to their study and enjoyment; art history has long been dominated by the Italian model in which even minor artists can be paired with their works. When we go to a gallery or exhibition, we are drawn by names like Titian or Michelangelo, rather than the Master of the Virgo inter Virgines.

MacGregor sets in train a number of suggestive ideas in his lecture, among them ruminations on the power of names, the shifting sands on which the concept of "national" schools of art are constructed, and the levels of reality employed by the Bartholomew Master in the few paintings securely attributable to him. He concludes that *if names give us* power over things, then nameless things preserve some power over us, wrapped as they are in an elusive mystery.

MacGregor is an urbane and thoughtful author, demonstrating the skills that have already made him such a successful director of the National Gallery. Perhaps Thames & Hudson should consider bringing out the next Neurath Lecture as a video cassette. The small format of these books militates against visual comparisons, which have to be taken on faith or followed up with a magnifying glass. Then too, the numerous witty asides, the references to Rembrandt toothpaste and the Häagen-Dazs or to saints sidling up to one another, can seem almost too whimsical on the printed page. Nevertheless, few among us would want any other guide at our elbow when contemplating these splendid examples of "holy German art".

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Pornography is unsexy, NB

Rachel Cusk unmasks Nicholson Baker's novel as a gimmicky attempt to sanitise his literary love affair with pornography

Like a new-fangled kitchen appliance, Nicholson Baker appears ingenious to some, while others wonder only whether he is really necessary. His first two novels, *The Mezzanine* and *Room Temperature*, were discourses on disposability, mundane monologues concerning shoelaces and paper straws, designed to elicit the lowest common denominator of empathy — recognition — from his readers. Chronicling boredom is evidently big business, and Baker's popularity could only increase with *Vox*, a novel which marked the onset of his sudden but apparently incurable obsession with sex.

The Fermata, his new novel, loiters around the same sensationalist territory but goes a gimmick further. Its protagonist is an amateur pornographer who can pause time by snapping his fingers. He uses his ability not only to examine women's breasts but also to make lengthy observations about the world exceeding even those one has come to expect from Baker but which the space-time continuum normally keeps in check.

The book has no dust-jacket, being clothed in what can only be described as dust-bikini: a sealed paper band which must be broken before its contents can be. It is insinuated, pawed. This band somewhat tautologically promises us "an hilarious comedy", consisting of "sexual fantasy" and, less believably, "fantastic sexuality".

Dispensing with the band, one is free to wander in what should be a veritable orchard of forbidden fruit; for example this from a lengthy passage on washing machines: "Often the spun goods display on removal a pattern of raised dots, where the fabric has vainly tried to pour itself out of the holes in the spinning basket in the wake of the water it has just reluctantly released." Or this on sunbathing: "I closed my eye and opened it again, and this time I looked only at my glasses, and it seemed to me then that the very best thing about sunbathing was that you could open your eyes at any time and see your own companionable glasses waiting for you."

Of course there is also ample reference to dildos, anal sex, vibrators, masturbation and breasts of all sizes, to the point where one would almost welcome back the odd washing machine; for Arno Strine, our narrator, is a part-time pornographer and must by necessity possess a lurid sexual imagination. During his time-stopping episodes, however, when the world is victim to his sole powers of movement and thought, his mischief is relatively mild.

He is, or is at least supposed to be, a sexual philanthropist. Often he devotes the interlude to bringing

THE FERMATA
By Nicholson Baker
Chatto & Windus, £14.99

some sort of happiness to a woman chosen at random, which usually involves subliminally arousing her and then watching her reaction from a distance. "When I am in a Fold, I know for a fact that no woman anywhere is crying or feeling betrayed, and . . . I want above all for women not to cry."

He even asks other people how they would behave if given his powers, and their replies are held up as proof of his sensitivity: "I'd find the nicest, best-looking chick I could find," says one man. "I'd haul her off somewhere secluded and hose the shit out of her until my dick was sore." Arno's peerings and gropings, of course, his "perennial wish to insert some novelty into the lives of women", seem innocuous by comparison. He is intended to cut a sad figure, prevented by the difficulty of explaining his "gift" from finding a partner and driven towards benevolent voyeurism. His fantasies are all carefully detoxified to comply with the standards set by the regulatory bodies now monitoring the world of ideas: no violence or threat of violence against women, almost exclusive concentration on Nancy Friday-style female sexual fantasies, worship of the female orgasm, etc.

The problem with this kind of heavily intended narrative is that, given the absurdity of the novel's time-pausing premise, Baker presents us with a world which belongs neither to fantasy nor reality. The limits of his what-if story are never really tested: in other hands, the idea of stopping the universe could yield interesting results, but Baker immediately withdraws from what might be demanded of him with a series of tortuous explanations as to why he isn't interested in doing anything with his powers other than using them to take off women's blouses.

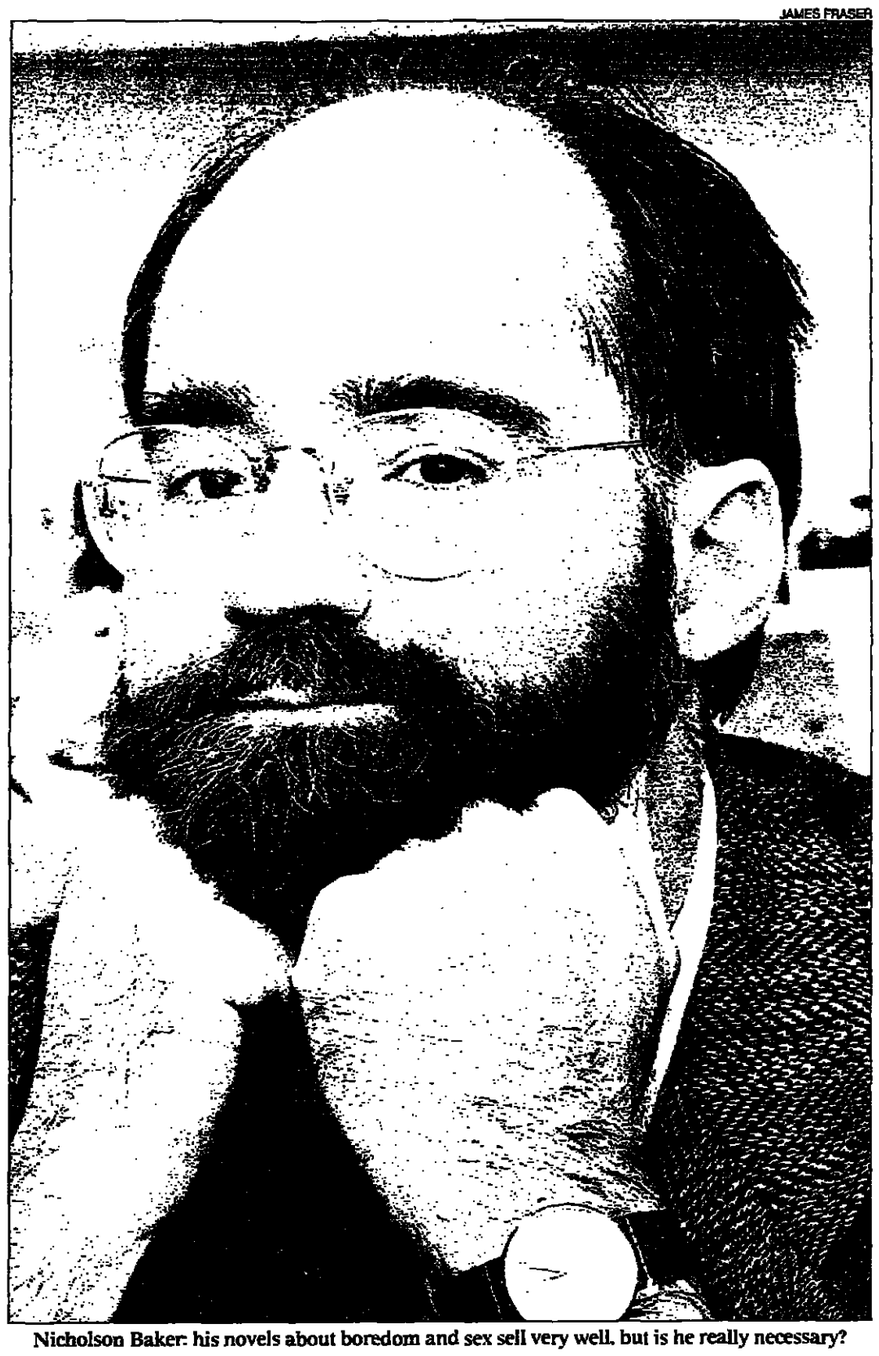
It soon becomes unclear why the time-pausing device is needed at all, when many of Strine's intrigues could be effected with a modicum of ingenuity in the normal course of things. As an allegory it is too mundane; as a comedy it is overly wracked with self-explanation. One can only assume that Baker wanted to write about pornography, and came up with a means of doing so without incurring any debts to the representation of reality.

The pornography itself, written by Arno and put in the paths of various women for their delectation, largely concerns the sexploits of a librarian called Marian who is given to attempting crazed feats of excessive penetration in the privacy of her own home with an Armande Klockhammer Signature Model. After reading it, one woman goes home and masturbates; another throws it away in disgust.

There is the potential here for Baker to make more of the loneliness and dislocation of his characters, their isolated sexual self-reliance; the "fermata" or time-fold which Strine enters could be the social medium of a disfunctional modernity, an area in which communication and love function because they are simplified by one-sidedness. Strine's recollections of his ex-girlfriend Rhody are beset by misunderstanding and complexity, while the fermata's mannequins are easy to love. The only relationships in which Strine can function are those where he doesn't exist.

Even if this is *The Fermata*'s message, the novel is too contrived to effect its successful communication. Baker can be a comic and articulate writer, and his observations on the currency of the prosaic accurate and germane. His self-consciousness, however, is betrayed by his love of "concepts"; devices which are in danger of providing nothing but a barrier to what he might actually be saying.

JAMES FRASER



Nicholson Baker: his novels about boredom and sex sell very well, but is he really necessary?

After the Alamo

Claire Messud

EMPIRE
By Terry Coleman
Sinclair-Stevenson, £15.99

AMERICA BY LAND
By Robert Olmstead
Secker, £8.99 pbk original

It was Archibald MacLeish who wrote of America, in an accurate but not particularly good poem: "Neither a place it is nor a blood name." Rather, he suggests, it is "a shining thing in the mind". America as a glowing promise is everywhere in the nation's literature; now it has resurfaced yet again, in two very different narratives that take the landscape and its people as their subjects.

Empire, the latest historical novel by the author and journalist Terry Coleman, is set in the mid-19th century and deals with the fate of Texas, which was briefly an independent republic under the leadership of the formidable Sam Houston, before its annexation in 1845. At the story's core are Houston's (real-life) relationship with his Scottish mistress Lucy Moncreiffe, and his dream of an expanding Texan empire of which he would be the virtual monarch.

In the Texan ambassador's description to young Lady Lucy before her departure for the New World, this Texas is revealed as a mythical paradise: "You will see prairies clothed with long grasses, and, among the grasses, flowers. It is as if the countryside is enamelled with flowers . . . And grapes growing wild for the picking, and wild horses to be had for the rounding up . . ." After landing at Galveston, Lucy discovers all this to be so, but also comes up against discomfort, danger, misery, seething resentments and quickly changing loyalties.

Coleman's research, not only into the major historical events but also into the customs and temper of the time, is clearly meticulous and often enlightening, in particular as it sets out the political back and forth in which Houston played the US against Britain and France, in the hope of securing his vision's future. But this fine historical work is intertwined with a fairly primitive novelistic development of romance and, indeed, of characterisation; and the two aspects of the narrative are uncomfortably married. Though the book is enjoyable enough, it is not ultimately clear why those reading *Empire* for its historical interest would not turn instead to pure history, or why those seeking the thrill of romance would not opt for a more accomplished example of the genre.

Robert Olmstead's *America by Land* also mingles archetypal romance — between a young drop-out named Raymond Romeo Redfield and his cousin, Juliet — with the "shining thing in the mind" that is America. His is a contemporary road novel, the most recent in a well-travelled American genre — a fact of which Olmstead's mock-heroic tone takes full account.

Romeo and Juliet wander the West on Redfield's Harley, each with their own dreams. Redfield, injured in a construction accident, is on a pilgrimage to the scenes of his father's youth, while Juliet mourns the baby she has given up for adoption. Their adventure consists of magnificent landscapes, magnificently described, and of encounters with eccentrics. But their reactions and their dialogue are parodic. Redfield talks like this: "America the beautiful. I can see this all as beautiful and I can see it all as ugly. I travel to see the land, not the people, and I like the land at night better than the day. I don't want to be a citizen. I just want to live here. Right now I need to go for beauty."

Not even Olmstead's abundant self-consciousness can save this narrative, told too often and already, too often, hijacked by film. In spite of its passages of glorious prose, the novel reads like a rehashing of those innumerable films starring Nicholas Cage in lizard-skin cowboy boots.

It is a shame that Olmstead's gamble with the ultimate American metaphor does not pay off better, because there is brilliance in his writing. But ultimately the shining vision in the mind of Raymond Romeo Redfield is too close to the cliché: one wishes that his America had a more unusual glow.



Fay Weldon: her sprightly, clear prose has a light and easy tone

Devilish shrinks

Lucy Hughes-Hallett

AFFLICTION
By Fay Weldon
HarperCollins, £12.99

This is a combatively rationalist novel full of weirdly supernatural events. Its satire is directed against New Agery in general and pseudo-Jungian mumbo-jumbo in particular, yet by the end there are negative archetypes swooping and whistling and screeching down the posh North London crescent which is its setting.

Spicer, a middle-class wine merchant, has been carried off by Saturn and Rhea, child-devouring deities of primordial darkness, otherwise known as Drs Herman and Rhea Marks, a husband-and-wife team of Hampstead psychotherapists. Annette, Spicer's wife, has nearly died from the effects of wearing bewitched jewellery and lost her baby to the devil before finally achieving her happy ending in the company of a sensible cynic, whose jolly name, Ernie, exactly suits his reassuringly worldly and mercenary nature. There is no mistaking Fay Weldon's suspicion of therapists and their arcana, but she certainly likes a touch of the mythic herself.

The narrative is all talk: conversations in bed, in the consulting room, in the ante-natal clinic and, above all, over the telephone. Annette's best friend Gilda has had to get a mobile phone so that she can receive all of Annette's frequent and confessional calls and still manage to take a bath. It would be possible to convert this novel into a radio play simply by waving a blue pencil over it.

The premise is simple. Tell a woman (or a man for that matter) often enough that she's mad and she'll begin to believe you. And once she believes you she'll be mad indeed. Implicit in the ostensibly flip narrative is an awful warning against the misuses of therapy. "You have joined the ranks of ladies-in-treatment," jeers Spicer. "Now at last my Annette can hold her head up in the cafes and coffee shops! . . . Oh to be a lady of leisure and the doors of the soul held open wide."

This is nasty of Spicer, who is seeing a therapist himself. It is also exaggerated. In Britain — even, I suspect, in Hampstead — it is the desperate rather than the pampered who seek such help. But the power of a psychotherapist, who has the combined authority of the doctor and the priest, is potentially dangerous (as all good therapists know). Weldon shows a pair of unscrupulous practitioners using that power to calamitous effect.

Their most insidious method is obfuscation. The clogged opacity of Dr Rhea's language — "a personality embracing the spontaneity of consciousness, that is the say yourself" — is a nice reminder of how sprightly and clear Weldon's prose is when she's not imitating her. Dr Rhea and her husband are a risible pair of pantomime devils — Weldon's tone is light and easy — but the fact remains that Spicer, who once had a robust appetite for bacon sandwiches and marital sex, is reduced by their tampering to a cruel and anxious faddist.

Affliction snaps and crackles along. Only Spicer sounds stilted and unnatural. ("You are the cleft in the hill and I am the tree") and that's because he's supposed to. Weldon's dialogues are salty and smartly-paced, and she plots out the unfair games people play with exactitude. Poor Annette discovers, to her exasperation but the reader's entertainment, that once you have been put in the wrong, it is all but impossible to get out of it.

This is, in the non-derogatory sense, a highly artificial novel. The possession of Spicer by the devilish Doctors Marks happens all of a moment. It's a given condition of the narrative, as inexplicable in realistic terms as Lear's abdication. But within the cartoon-crudity of her plot Weldon has managed to pack enough shrewdly observed human reality to make this a perceptive and amusing novel.

Lays of the great god Pan

Philip Howard

THE PAN PRINCIPLE
By Fiona Pitt-Kethley
Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99

This is the second time that Fiona Pitt-Kethley has pegged a book on a classical topic. Last time she was travelling rough around Italy in pursuit of sibyls, though her book was more notable as a sexual Baedeker to the Italian male and the sporting British female wanderer than a contribution to scholarship.

Here is the same sort of thing again, on the cloven-footed trail of the mysterious god Pan through Greece, with excursions to the Mezzogiorno, Sicily and Israel.

Here are the lays of ancient Pan, the oddest of the mythological gods of the ancient world, because he was said to have died. Plutarch, the Pitt-Kethley of his day, though less funny, wrote: "The great god Pan is dead."

If what you are in the market for is the latest account of the archaeology, mythology and classical lit crit about Pan, forget Pitt-Kethley. You are better off with a good modern dictionary of mythology, or the learned trade magazines, or even old Pausanias, who actually managed to visit most of Pan's shrines. Like almost everybody else today, Pitt-Kethley confuses Mount Olympus with Olympia. She mistakes Michael Wood for a historian. Most of the caves and shrines of Pan that she tries to visit are lost or inaccessible, so that she comes to feel that Pan himself, traduced by early Christians as the devil, is blocking her. A funny thing keeps on happening to her on the way to the temple, and it usually leaves her boot-marks on the roof of the car in which she has hitched a ride.

Never mind. It all goes into this anecdotal jaunt, which is more about the failure to find shrines to Pan than finding them. As a travel romance in an English art form that stretches from "Sir John Mandeville" to James Fenton and Jan Morris, it is surprisingly engaging.

Like all good eggs, Pitt-Kethley is a cat-lover, feeding even the emaciated and ravenous Greek cats with her breakfast egg from the British School at Athens. She loves swimming and washing and massage. She is on the side of underdogs: Turks in Greece, Arabs in Israel. She walks everywhere in espadrilles, silk shirts and other wildly unsuitable gear and talks to everyone in Greece, where nobody except shepherds walks anywhere, and even they do it only on their own particular side of the mountain. Every other male drives ferociously in a dangerous car, honking his horn to proclaim his virility. Continually she is redirected to the Panorama Mini Market instead of Pan's cave. On Greek neglect of the environment, from the cheap and nasty sprawl of Athenian suburbs to their hatred of archaeology, she tells the unfashionable truth.

Pitt-Kethley has recognised that misfortunes and cock-ups, especially with ithyphallic Pan, make good copy, and lays them on lavishly. She is wonderfully superstitious, keen on daft old Tolkien, disorganised, and honest about the penurious hazards of life as a freelance writer. In Sparta she finds a strangely lifelike mosaic of Alcibiades that sticks in her mind, even at times when she cannot quite remember who he was. When she speculates about the covert meaning of mythology, you wish she would get back to bonking.

This is an anecdotal book of amazing adventures around the wilder and dimmer parts of Greece, surprisingly full of romance and foolhardiness and naive wisdom. It cannot have taken long to write, and it does not take long to read. Pitt-Kethley gets the dusty awfulness and incompetence of Greek museums outside Athens, and the hang-ups of Greek males at sex, and even the strangeness of the goat-legged, wild Nature god Pan right. It would be a mistake to sneer at her classical travels.

She seldom finds what she is looking for, and her sexual encounters with the biting biker and the others are as unpersuasive as her analysis of Pan. I think she puts them in because they are now expected of her. As a guide around the parts of Greece that nobody gets to and ideas that are unfashionable, she is good fun. But you should think twice before going on a jaunt with her. And if you go for it, pack boots, contraceptives, and a sense of humour.



Fiona Pitt-Kethley: a good egg

Roman rites and wrongs

Harriet Paterson

THE CHIMERA
By Sebastiano Vassalli
Translated by Patrick Creagh
HarperCollins, £15.99

THE MISSING PAGES
By Cristina Comencini
Translated by Gregory Dowling
Chatto & Windus, £9.99

Antonia's increasing beauty is an exceptional event in this brutish world and she attracts undue attention and, inevitably, malice. What Vassalli begins as a pastoral scene from Bruegel ends in a Bosch inferno as the mob closes in. Behind a merry facade of the peccadilloes of parish priests and randy peasants he depicts real evil, in the festering rumours of the village gossips, the misogynistic cruelty of the Inquisitor and the bestiality of Antonia's torturers.

A magnificent vocabulary is called forth to do battle with such forces, translated with gusto by Patrick Creagh. The Spanish Governor of Novara is "as dauntless a lecher as ever ripped off codpiece", and after him come other memorable grotesques, Il Caccetta (the little turd) whose stunted legs are "enough to raise a chuckle from a rickety (sic) chicken". Such writing is pure enjoyment — very good news for struggling Italian narrative literature.

In high contrast to the rude realities of this agrarian world, Cristina Comencini's first novel, *The Missing Pages*, contains no certainties and a shrinking from physicality. Set 400 years later, fears have become disembodied, the insecurities of the over-analytical 20th-century mind: nothing so easy as wolves, witches and devils.

The youngest daughter of a bourgeois Roman family stops talking. Federica gradually grows more silent, then finds she cannot talk even when she tries. This strange absent presence of hers unnerves everyone, unseating their former relationships. The more they try to probe her, the more they actually reveal themselves: "it was their own hidden truths that their words exposed, while Federica was left with her mystery intact."

Not even she understands this mystery. A blank in her memory coincides with pages ripped from her diary: a trauma which her mind has cancelled. "Pandemonium has come upon us. Utter confusion," writes her father Guido, whose role as businessman and detached, intellectual father is crumbling.

THIS IS a sensitive exploration of a father and daughter attempting to redefine their own identities and their relationship with each other. They are the only two characters with any real substance, and even they are deliberately fugitive and indefinable by nature. Their awkwardness and fear when they are alone together are so intimately revealed as to leave the reader positively uncomfortable.

Events are sparse and physical descriptions minimal, letting the weight fall on internal development. Short, plain sentences and brief chapters provide a clean format, giving a measure of control to all the doubt, self-questioning and unfinished attempts at reasoning which fill the book.

This hesitant rite of passage reflects the phase Italy is currently passing through, haunted by unsolved crimes with the entire post-war establishment on trial. As in Comencini's book, while everything has now been questioned, very little has as yet been answered.

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Inland Revenue targets alleged payments in rugby union


Moore: fund director

John Goodbody says pressure is mounting on clubs and players tempted to break rules and avoid tax

A MEMBER of Parliament has given detailed information to the Inland Revenue to help its wide-ranging investigation into alleged secret payments by clubs to leading rugby union players.

As the full committee of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) prepares to discuss next month a controversial report of its own working party on payments in breach of its rules, a special enquiry unit of the Inland Revenue is examining both the tax returns of players and the accounts of the leading clubs in England.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said yesterday: "We are looking at the RFU's own report and reports that MPs and others are giving us. This does not mean that players or clubs have not already declared any liability for tax purposes."

David Hinchliffe, the Labour MP for Wakefield, who is a member of the House of Commons rugby league committee, confirmed that "detailed information" had been given to the Inland Revenue. He stressed that he personally saw no reason why rugby union players should not receive money.

"The guilty people are the RFU, who ignore what happens in their own backyard while criticising the Rugby League," he said. "There is some gross hypocrisy here. Let us have fair play. It is only a matter of time before the whole matter blows up."

Will Carling, the England captain, said yesterday that the Inland Revenue had been in touch with his accountants over several years and had been assured that everything was in order. Brian Moore, the team's hooker, said the Inland Revenue had also looked at the books of Player Vision, which coordinates the team's joint earnings and of which Moore is a co-director. He also believed the Inland Revenue was happy.

Dudley Wood, the secretary of the RFU, said: "We were visited by the special investigations branch of the Inland Revenue last year. They had read reports about inducements to players and asked what we knew about them.

"We could tell them nothing but asked that if they knew anything or found out anything, then we would be happy to hear from them."

Andrew Watt, of Casson Beckman, the chartered accountants, said the Inland Revenue Special Office, based at Solihull, had moved to rugby union after concentrating for many years on football, including the investigation into Swindon Town. "It is a pro-active organisation that investigates particular areas," he said. "After football, it thought it would pick off the next easy target."

What has been widely believed in rugby union is that players are offered special inducements to join clubs and these could be liable to tax. These might include generous expenses, use of cars provided by clubs and excessive subsistence for attending matches or training sessions.

Last September, Ian Beer, the president of the RFU, said the governing body would publicise what he termed a "hit squad". This was a group within the union's committee which has been active for some seasons and can check the accounts of any club attracting undue attention for its "transfer" activity.

The RFU is to consider whether to make mandatory a statement of compliance — written confirmation of a club's intention to comply with the amateur regulations, in particular those relating to alleged inducements to players to change clubs.

Beer said the Senior Clubs Association had responded enthusiastically to the move. "The clubs recognise that without such a structure some of them will go out of business," he said. "It is difficult enough to run a rugby club as it is. If you begin to use money to induce players from another club, you will not have enough to maintain the fabric of your own clubs."

The working party for the RFU has proposed that the mileage allowance be set at 20 pence per mile, below present rates, and that a meals allowance of £20 should be paid only on the production of receipts. There is a suggested clampdown on the use of cars by players, a long-employed method of "rewarding" those who change clubs.

Tests for McLaren suggest Prost may not be retiring type

BY OLIVER HOLT

MOTOR racing retirements are fast assuming the brevity associated with those of ageing boxers. Yesterday, less than five months after Alain Prost announced his decision to leave Formula One, rattling out clichés about wanting to spend more time with his family, he agreed to test the new McLaren-Peugeot in readiness for the coming season.

It is still far from certain Prost will defend the drivers' championship he won so comfortably with Williams last year, but his decision to have a seat fitting at the McLaren factory in Woking on Tuesday and his testing commitment are the first serious indications that he may be about to abandon his latest flirtation with life away from the track.

"The invitation to drive the all-new Peugeot-powered McLaren was accepted and will hopefully lead to Alain driving for the team in the coming season," Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director, said yesterday. "This invitation must be viewed within the context of the long and warm friendship Alain and I have had on and off the track. When Alain tests, he will do so as a free agent."

McLaren may still announce the signing of a second driver to partner Mika Hakkinen before the end of this week. It has always been Dennis's intention to operate with a squad of three drivers and although the British driver, Martin Brundle, is refusing to comment on the situation, he is thought to be the favourite for the remaining berth.

McLaren are now testing at Estoril, in Portugal, but Prost's first outing may come at Silverstone next week. The season begins in São Paulo, Brazil, on March 27.

Prost spent six years at McLaren between 1984 and 1989 and won his first three world titles with the team before he was driven out by the intensity of the rivalry with his team-mate, Ayrton Senna.

He spent a year away from racing in 1992 but returned last year with Williams and took his total of race wins to 51, before announcing his retirement midway through a two-year contract. If he were to join McLaren, he would swap places with the Brazilian, who left at the end of last season to join Williams and is the strong favourite to win the drivers' championship.

The persuasive powers of Dennis are legendary and Prost disappointed that his attempt to buy Ligier, the French grand prix team, was thwarted at the end of last season, may be keen to resurrect his career and try to equal Juan-Manuel Fangio's record of five world titles.

Although Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, voiced his disquiet last week about the ethical implications of Prost changing his mind so swiftly and the damage his presence in a McLaren might cause his team, the main obstacle to Prost's return is likely to be the reluctance of Renault. Williams's engine suppliers, to release Prost from the remaining year of his contract and allow him to drive for a team powered by their French rivals, Peugeot.

"Williams are not stopping Alain Prost from racing," Patrick Head, the team's technical director, said. "But it is for him and a potential employer to sort out with Renault." Williams and Renault are thought to be demanding £5 million to release Prost from his contract, which does not preclude him from testing for other teams but does forbid him to race for them.

"Alain is 38 and in the prime of his life," Williams said. "When he made his decision to retire, he hoped he was going to be able to buy Ligier but that path was subsequently blocked. It would be embarrassing, particularly for him and for Renault, if he was to return. But I was fully aware of his visit to McLaren as he rang and informed me about it. As I have said before, he is perfectly free to test for whoever he wishes."



The crew of "You're Wrong" take the strain in the London University Trial VIIIs on the Tideway yesterday when Marty Aitken presided for the sixth and last time (Mike Rosewell writes). His two crews on show yesterday — the other was named "I'm Right" — included two senior world championship performers, Tim Foster and Martin Peel (third from left above), and seven world under-23 gold medal-winners. Aitken, an Australian, is to become head coach to the Swiss rowing federation on April 1. Since his arrival, in 1989, London has provided more than 70 members of Great Britain national teams at student, under-23, world and Olympic level. The only notable absentee was Rupert Obholzer, a world championship and Olympic rower, who is nursing an injured back. The crews had two races, one from Richmond to Brentford and one from the University boathouse to Barnes Bridge. Following tradition, some bumping and boring developed, with Alison Paterson, the Olympic coxswain, and her opponent, Tish Kester, fighting for the best water. Alan Watson, the umpire had a busy time but they were excellent races to watch. In the first, with "I'm Right" on Middlesex, the crews clashed after 90 seconds, leaving Kester with a lead and some steering leeway. But some shouting from Foster was needed in the last minute to force his crew to a one-length win. The second race was stopped after a clash of blades after only three strokes. "I'm Right", on Surrey, took the initiative after the restart but led by only a quarter of a length at Chiswick Bridge, with the long bend against them to come. Remarkably, the crew went further ahead on this stretch, winning by a length.

"I'M RIGHT": A Baker (Hampton and UCL), B Smith (Cheltenham and Royal Holloway), C Brook-Partridge (Latymer and King's), J Cornell (Kingston GS and UCL), R Nolan (UC Galway and QMW), D West (Dulwich and King's), T Foster (Bedford Modern and UCL), S Cox (Emmanuel and UCL); cox, E Kester (Nescot and UCL).

"YOU'RE WRONG": L Willett (NCS Wimbledon and King's), D Hill (Bradford GS and QMW), R Boomer (CAI and UCL), B Long (King's, Canterbury and Heythrop), D Beckley (Hampton and UCL), M Peel (Upton-upon-Chester and UCL), S Hughes (Windsor GS and QMW), W Latimer (Boston University and King's); cox, A Paterson (Aberdeen University and UCL).

Photograph: Michael Powell

Azharuddin masters spinners

MOHAMMAD Azharuddin, the India cricket captain, hit an unbeaten 134 yesterday to keep his side firmly in control of the third Test against Sri Lanka in Ahmedabad.

India, 329 for eight at the close of the second day, lead by 210 and, following victories by an innings in the the first two matches of the series, are well on the way towards completing the clean sweep at the Motera stadium.

Azharuddin, whose 31st birthday fell on the opening day of the game, gave only one chance. When he was 15, Tillekeratne, fielding at silly point, missed a catch that could have had India *in some* trouble at 149 for five.

Azharuddin's fourteenth century in 61 Tests moved him nearer to achieving an ambition to equal the achievements of Sunil Gavaskar and the Nawab of Pataudi, the most successful Indian captains, who both won nine games.

On a spiteful pitch, on which the next best score was 57 by Vinod Kambli, *Azharuddin's wristy skills* made him master of the turning ball for five hours and 19 minutes, during which he hit 15 fours and a six.

His best support came from the lower-order players who helped him add 126 runs after the fall of the sixth wicket when the Sri Lankan bowlers must have harboured hopes of keeping India's lead within manageable proportions.

The wicketkeeper, Nayan Mongia, made 14 of a 46-run stand for the seventh wicket while Anil Kumble, the No 9, kept his captain company for 51 minutes while 38 were added for the eighth wicket.

Azharuddin, who was 99 when Kumble holed out in the deep, reached his century with a cover drive off Aravinda de Silva and celebrated by swinging Anurasiri over mid-wicket for six. Rajesh Chauhan has *kept his wicket intact for 76* minutes without scoring. Only two players, Godfrey Evans and Pat Pocock, have batted longer in Test cricket before getting off the mark.

After resuming at 90 for one, India had slipped to 123 for four at the end of the first hour. Kambli, after taking three boundaries off Wickramasinghe, edged the same bowler to Ranatunga, fielding at first slip. Wick*ramasinghe bowled Tendul*kar for six and Muralitharan, the off spinner, accounted for Sidhu for 43.

Azharuddin and Sanjay Manjrekar carried the score to 169 before being separated when Ranatunga took a second catch, at mid-wicket off de Silva, to dismiss Manjrekar for 76.

Kapil Dev, who set a record for wickets in Test cricket on *the opening day, failed with* the bat, making only four before falling leg-before to de Silva.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 119 (S L V Raju 5 for 38)

INDIA: First Innings

M Prabhakar b Anurasiri	14
N S Sidhu c Kalpage b Muralitharan	43
V G Kambli c Ranatunga b Wickremasinghe	57
S R Tendulkar b Wickremasinghe	6
*M Azharuddin not out	134
S V Manjrekar c Ranatunga b de Silva	76
Kapil Dev lbw b de Silva	4
†N R Mongia lbw b Anurasiri	14
A Kumble c Kalpage b de Silva	15
R S Chauhan not out	0
Extras (b 17, lb 5, nb 4)	26
Total (8 wkts)	329

S L V Raju to bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-27, 2-110, 3-123, 4-123, 5-169, 6-203, 7-249, 8-288

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 32-9-99-2, Ranatunga 6-1-9-0, Anurasiri 22-3-64-2, Muralitharan 33-6-76-1, Kalpage 7-2-9-0, de Silva 23-5-50-3.

Students' advance checked by Army

Army	2
Oxford University	2

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OXFORD University's progress against the armed forces was halted by the Army at Aldershot yesterday.

Oxford, who had earlier beaten both the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force convincingly, took the field with only two Blues — Stuart Mackay and Simon Morley. Mackay, after starting in defence, ended up playing a conspicuous part in attack.

The Army, with Ian Jennings dominant in midfield, Tim Wood spearheading their attack and Matthew Way holding the defence together, came back strongly after conceding a goal in the sixteenth minute when Chris Bloor set up a chance for Morley.

The Army, who forced 12 short corners, gained nothing from the five they were awarded in the first half and were still feeling their way when a goal by Bloor for Oxford was disallowed for offside. However, the Army took full advantage of a short corner two minutes after the interval. Wood was obstructed, resulting in a penalty stroke which Jennings converted.

A brilliant save by John Williams, the Army's substitute goalkeeper, prevented Martin Le Huray from scoring before Jennings converted the Army's eighth short corner. Le Huray, however, quickly equalised from a similar award.

ARMY: Officer:Cdt S Walsh (RMA), Capt J Free (RHA); Lt M Way (Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regt), Cfn A Chuck (REME), S/Sgt G Day (Royal Logistic Corps), Maj T Jolly (RA), S/Sgt I Jennings (APTC, captain), L/Bdr I Gall (RHA), Lt T Wood (Royal Signals), WO1 A Smith (Royal Logistic Corps), L/Cpl R Burton (Royal Signals).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: O Wessely (Mellington College and Worcester), *S Mackay (Elizabeth College, Guernsey and Pembroke), R MacDowell (Radley College and St Benet's Hall), M Ernes (Kingston GS and St John's), J Pratt (Trent College and Unknown), M Le Huray (King's, Canterbury and Keble), C Bloor (Kingham Mark GS and Anglia), and Keble, captain), Arshad Khan (RGS, High Wycombe and Christ Church), W Kendall (Bradfield College and Keble), *S Morley (The Perse, Cambridge and Green), D Edwards (Epsom College and St Edmund Hall).

Umpires: R Southerden (Southern Counties) and M Short (Combined Services).

*denotes a Blue

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	170	250	good	powder	good	snow	-6	9/2
(Abundance of powder after heavy snowfall)								
AUSTRIA								
Igls	0	70	good	varied	closed	fine	2	8/2
(Upper slopes remain good after careful grooming)								
Mayrhofen	0	95	good	varied	closed	cloud	-6	9/2
(Fresh snow, good piste skiing in afternoon sun)								
Schladming	40	140	good	powder	slush	snow	6	9/2
(Good skiing on all slopes above 1,000 metres)								
St Anton	40	270	good	powder	good	fine	-2	8/2
(Excellent powder throughout)								
FRANCE								
Chamonix	40	360	good	varied	fair	fine	6	8/2
(Excellent off-piste skiing at highest levels)								
La Plagne	150	310	good	powder	good	fine	-3	8/2
(Superb skiing after 15 centimetres of new snow)								
S Chevalier	40	160	good	varied	good	fine	3	8/2
(Good piste skiing throughout resort)								
Tignes	160	300	good	powder	good	fine	-10	8/2
(Good powder skiing both on and off piste)								
Val d'Isere	140	350	good	powder	good	fine	0	8/2
(Excellent powder skiing after fresh snow)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	95	100	good	powder	good	fine	-3	9/2
(South-facing slopes heavy by afternoon)								
Gstaad	20	60	good	varied	fair	fine	-1	8/2
(Lovely piste skiing in brilliant sunshine)								
Klosters	50	175	good	powder	good	fair	2	9/2
(Fresh snow on good base both on and off piste)								
Mürren	55	145	good	powder	good	fine	-3	8/2
(Wonderful off-piste conditions)								
St Moritz	90	160	good	powder	good	sun	-2	8/2
(Excellent sunny skiing both on and off piste)								
Wengen	25	100	good	powder	good	fine	1	8/2
(Excellent powder skiing on upper slopes)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY plc

Take notice that East Midlands Electricity plc has applied for an extension to its Private Electricity Supply Licence to Supply Electricity (England and Wales) and its Private Electricity Supply Licence to Supply Electricity (Scotland), granted on 28 June 1990 and 29 June 1990 respectively, in the following terms:

1. Full name of applicant: East Midlands Electricity plc
2. Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate the registered or principal office: P O Box 4, 398 Coppice Road, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7HX
3. Where the applicant is a Company, the full names of the current Directors and the Company's registered number:
John Frederick Harris, Norman Montague Askew, Keith Stanyard, Robert John Davies, James Andrew Keelaine, George Nicholas Corah, Robert Norman Gunn, Anthony Nigel Russell Rudd, Alan Geoffrey Schroeder
Registered Number: 2366923
4. Where a holding of 20 per cent or more of the shares of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership of an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit, the name(s) and address(es) of the holder(s) of such shares shall be provided:
Not applicable.
5. Desired date from which the licence is to take effect: 1 April 1994
6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises within the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below:
All premises other than those which, during the franchise period, have a maximum demand at or less than the franchise limit in the authorised areas of the following Public Electricity Supply companies together with such premises as may, from time to time, be specified by the Director (with the approval of the Secretary of State) for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Condition 2 of our second tier supply licence.
Eastern Electricity plc, London Electricity plc, Manweb plc, Midlands Electricity plc, Northern Electric plc, NORWEB plc, SEEBOARD plc, Southern Electric plc, Swalec plc, SWEB plc, Yorkshire Electricity Group plc, Scottish Hydro-Electric plc, Scottish Power plc.
7. a. Subject to sub-paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.
(b) If the date in paragraph 5 above is on or after 1 April 1994 then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998 then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.

Power Band	Number of Premises	Aggregate Maximum Demand	Energy (Gwh) to be Supplied
a. Not exceeding 5.1 MW	NONE		
b. Exceeding 6.1MW but not exceeding 10MW			

8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant.
All lines and plant owned by Eastern Electricity plc, London Electricity plc, Manweb plc, Midlands Electricity plc, Northern Electric plc, NORWEB plc, SEEBOARD plc, Southern Electric plc, Swalec plc, SWEB plc, Yorkshire Electricity Group plc, Scottish Hydro-Electric plc, Scottish Power plc, The National Grid Company plc.
9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying:
Powers already included in existing licences.
10. Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity:
Public Electricity Supply Licence, Private Electricity Supply Licence to Supply Electricity (England and Wales), Private Electricity Supply Licence to Supply Electricity (Scotland).
Copies of maps relevant to this application are lodged in accordance with Regulation 9 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions for Licences) Regulations 1990 at the Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any working day.
J Campbell, Company Secretary and Solicitor of East Midlands Electricity plc of P O Box 4, 398 Coppice Road, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7HX.

LSE European Institute of Public Lecture.
Mr Yannis Paleokrassas, EC Commissioner for the Environment, on: "Environmental Crime and Punishment: Towards a New Development Model" 5.30 pm, Thursday 10 February 1994, Old Theatre, Main Building, London School of Economics, Houghton St, WC2. No ticket required.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
THE MEAT SHOP LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 24th January 1994.
Dated this 28th day of January 1994.
M R Derrington, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF DALAPLAN LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S. 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 3 February 1994 I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill London, N19 5LU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 7th February 1994
M J Carter

No 001217 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FLOCKHILL MOELLER LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division dated 20th January 1994 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company in the sum of £5,710,809 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st January 1994.
Dated this 4th day of February 1994
BIRKS STERN
Queen's House 55/56 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LT
Solicitors for the above named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

No 09225 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF HEDIT, HEYWORTH & ALGAN LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 13th January 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £7,500,000 to £1,224,512 issued ordinary shares of £1 each
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Master, Registrar Buckley, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 23rd day of February 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital may appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 7th day of February 1994.
SIMMONS & SIMMONS
14 Dominion Street,
LONDON EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors for the above named Company

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 2394893
Name of company Sand Limited
Nature of business Software manufacturer & Distributor
Address of registered office Tideway Mill, Unit 19, Battersea Reach, London SW18 1NN
Type of Liquidator Creditors Voluntary
Liquidator Richard Andrew Isaac & Geoff A Cox 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1UQ
Office Holder No. 002989
Date of appointment 7 February 1994
By whom appointed The Members & Creditors
Date 8 February 1994

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Rare Cars Limited
Registered number 01793690
Trading names Rare Cars and Tenor Car Parts
Nature of business Motor trade
Classification 50
Date of appointment of administrative receivers 8 February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers Lloyds Bowmaker Limited
Joint Administrative Receivers D J Pullen and T C Carter (office holder nos. 5317 & 4012)
Address Regent House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Wave Records Limited
Registered number 02668582
Nature of business Recording Studio
Trade classification 37
Date of appointment of administrative receivers 4 February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers Lloyds Bowmaker Limited
Joint Administrative Receivers D J Pullen and T C Carter (office holder nos. 5317 & 4012)
Address Regent House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

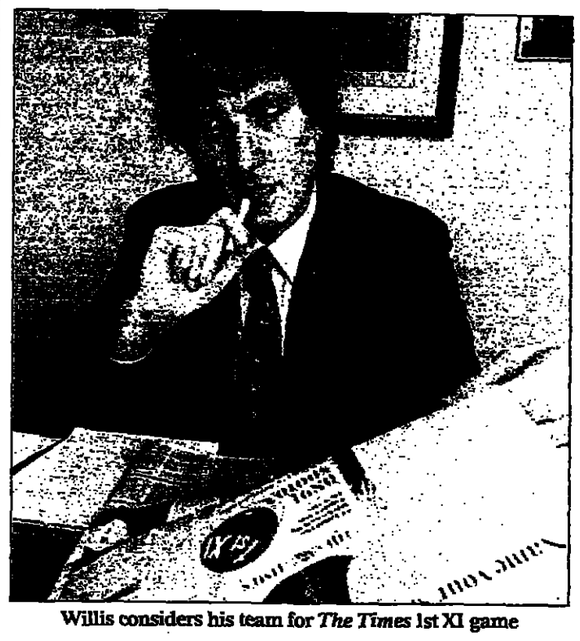
Parkgrove Asset Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Stephen House, 4 Perrott Place, London W1M 5FT on 23rd February 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 98 and 99.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Gomm & Evans, 4 Keyrick Place, London W1M 3FT between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of creditors.
Dated this 3rd February 1994
David R Gammage, Director

RE ARKWOOD PLASTICS ENGINEERING LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Bishop Fleming, Cobourg House, Mayflower Street, Plymouth PL1 1QW on Monday the 7th March 1994 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Bishop Fleming & Co, Cobourg House, Mayflower Street, Plymouth PL1 1QW between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated this 7th day of February 1994
By Order of the Board
D A WOODFORD, Director

RE WILLIAM AIDOO AND ALICE DOROTHY AIDOO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Charging Order Nisi was issued out of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division (Bristol District Registry) on 11 January 1994 to Halifax Building Society against the above named, securing payment of the sum of £32,957.84 plus interest and costs (such sum to be the subject of a Legal Charge dated 17 June 1988).
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless on 8th December 1993 in the action, in favour of the Charging Order Nisi is deemed effective by the advertisement. The Charging Order Nisi is made absolute on 15 February, 1994 at 10.30 a.m. and ought to be heard at the Bradford District Registry.
DATED this 25 day of January 1994
Maynard Saddards
Empire House 10 Piccadilly
BRADFORD BD1 3LR
Solicitors for the Halifax Building Society

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BASIL A. HOWARD SAMUEL LIMITED
TOTTFIELD HOLDINGS LIMITED
TOTTFIELD PROPERTIES LIMITED
WESTRAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED
D J Pullen and M L Mills of Ernst & Young of 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU hereby give notice that on 5 February 1994 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named companies.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors are required, on or before 14 March 1994 to send in their full names and addresses, their particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to us and if so required by notice in writing from us, are personally, or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 9th February 1994
D J Pullen, Liquidator

Atherton well equipped to cope with torrid reception



Willis considers his team for *The Times* 1st XI game

Bob Willis, the former England captain, picks his 1st XI to take on West Indies in the Test and one-day international series, which start next week

I was very tempted to choose my 1st XI by tactical voting and include players such as *Matthew Maynard, Ian Salisbury*, Alan Igglesden and Andrew Caddick — *none of whom I expect* to play a prominent role in the internationals — and thereby score highly by giving them low totals. In the end, though, I decided to name the team I would want to see on the field if I was in charge.

Fitness allowing, England will do better in the Caribbean than a lot of people think. I can see them winning the one-day series and giving a good account of themselves in the Test matches, even if they do not come out on top. As to whether they have taken the right team or not, that is all water under the bridge. One way or another, we are about to find out whether these young lads can play.

If a key member of the bowling attack is injured, though, it could be vital. I would not fancy England's chances if Angus Fraser, for instance, was to break down early on. Such things are always a possibility: I bowled only seven overs before flying home from the West Indies in 1981 and there have already been worries about the participation of Caddick.

What England must do is field a settled side. They must not treat the Tests and one-day games *differently, as they did in India* last winter, when one-day specialists such as Fairbrother, Blakey and Reeve were taken ahead of top-quality players. This means not getting into a pickle over the wicketkeeper. Jack Russell must play in the Tests and the one-day internationals.

The West Indies bowlers will give Michael Atherton a torrid reception. They will single him out for the special attention they reserve for all opposing captains, but he has the mental strength to handle it. I have a lot of faith in his leadership. Alec Stewart, who likes the pace of the new ball coming on to the bat, will do especially well and finish as the leading run scorer with 563 runs.

I do not think Mark Ramprakash, who should go in first wicket down in the Tests, will score as many runs as some of the other batsmen because I do not expect him to bat as high in the one-day internationals. The No 3 position for these games may be taken over by Smith, who might nevertheless find himself sacrificing his wicket after a big opening partnership by Atherton and Stewart. As the best player of fast bowling in the side, Smith will score heavily in the Tests and finish second only behind Stewart, with 510 runs in all.

Graeme Hick will make a lot of one-day runs and will also do better in the Tests than he did against West Indies in 1991. He is far more mentally mature now. He may also get through quite a lot of bowling, which is why I have given him nine wickets. I have named as my sixth batsman Graham Thorpe, although, judging by the way Hughes bounced him out in the first innings of the *Trent Bridge Test last summer*, he has a problem against the short ball. But then, who hasn't?

Like Hick, Chris Lewis is facing his last chance to prove he can make the most of his talent. He will probably see the start of the Test series but may not be around for the end. He will, however, be sure of a role in the one-day internationals, which should boost his totals to 135 runs and 21 wickets.

I cannot find a place in my side for a spinner. Salisbury gives away too many runs and Phil Tufnell, who has a suspect temperament, does not tour well. In any case, Fraser, Devon Malcolm and Steve Watkin have won the right to play in the first Test match by virtue of their performances in the Oval Test against Australia alone.

Fraser has a vital role to play and I will have my fingers crossed for him. I would play him in the first one-day international in Barbados — because a win there would be an important boost before the first Test three days later — and then rest him from the four other one-day games, which all come before the second Test. He will, nevertheless, take 30 wickets.

Malcolm will also thrive. He did well on his last tour of the Caribbean and is now playing under a more sympathetic captain. He was not well handled by Gooch. I have given him 27 runs but even that might be too many.

BOB WILLIS'S 1st XI

	Runs	Wkts
Russell (wk/kpr)	215	22
Stewart	563	0
Atherton	490	0
Ramprakash	310	0
Smith	510	0
Hick	480	9
Thorpe	240	1
Lewis	135	21
Fraser	92	30
Watkin	33	21
Malcolm	27	24

Win a trip to the Melbourne Test

Name your side to triumph in the West Indies

NO CRICKETING environment is more testing than the West Indies. A long line of fearsome fast bowlers has prevented any touring team from winning a series there for 21 years. Michael Atherton is the latest England captain to try to end that record but he is leading an inexperienced England team. Who will flourish and who will flounder?

In *The Times* 1st XI game, you can pick the team you would like to see and measure its performance against the players' real statistics which will be published after every international match in *The Times*. Whether you enter for your own satisfaction or to pit your selection skills against friends or colleagues, the game should add to the excitement of what should be a memorable series. And for those who prove the best at 1st XI cricket, there will be some memorable prizes, including the trip of a lifetime to see England play Australia in the Christmas Test at Melbourne.

The aim of the game: Readers are invited to pick their England cricket XI from the party in the West Indies and estimate the players' individual performances in the five one-day internationals and five Test matches of the tour. The winner of the game will be the person whose predictions are closest to the actual performances of his or her selected eleven players in all ten matches.

The prize: Win the trip of a lifetime for yourself and three family members or friends to see the Christmas Test match between Australia and England, which begins in Melbourne on December 24. We will provide flights, hotel accommodation for two weeks in Melbourne and tickets to each day of the Test match.

Twenty runners-up will each receive a pair of tickets to one of England's six Test matches against New Zealand and South Africa this summer. Full details of this prize will appear shortly in *The Times*.

What to do: Simply study the 17 names of the England tour party printed on the 1st XI bat. Then select your XI, bearing in mind that you must pick six from the batsman category and four from the bowler category. You must also pick one of the wicketkeepers, Stewart or Russell, and designate him as wicketkeeper. Whichever of these two players you do not choose as your wicketkeeper, you may nominate as one of your six batsmen. When you telephone your entry, **you will be asked for your wicketkeeper selection first.** You may not pick any player twice.

For each of your eleven players, you will be asked to give your predictions of the total number of runs they will make in the international matches (five Test matches and five one-day internationals, which allows a maximum of 15 innings), and then the total number of wickets they will take.

In the case of the designated wicketkeeper, catches and stumpings will count as wickets. When you call *The Times* 1st XI number, you will be asked to express each selection numerically. For example, if you have selected Alec Stewart as your wicketkeeper, and are predicting that he will score 350 runs and take 25 wickets, your entry would read:

02 350 25

Throughout the period of international matches, *The Times* will print the running totals of all 17 players. After April 21, the last day of the fifth Test, the final totals of each player will be compared to readers' individual selections.

The difference between predicted totals for each player in each category and their actual totals will be measured in points: one point for each run, and 20 points for each wicket, regardless of whether you have underestimated or overestimated. Three examples of how predictions would be measured are given below. The winner will be the reader with the fewest points.

No allowance can be made if a player is injured or sent home for any reason, nor for loss of play due to weather conditions or any other external factors. Readers should bear these points in mind when making selections. No substitutions will be allowed.

The closing date for telephone entries is noon on Wednesday, February 16, the day of the opening one-day international in Barbados.

You can enter as many times as you like, but each entry requires a separate telephone call. You can enter on your own, with your family (up to a maximum of four people) or a joint team (maximum of four) with your friends, **but all callers must be aged 18 or over.**

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone.

Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 103.** The lines are open now. Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions on the line. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference number, number of runs, number of wickets) for each of your 11 chosen players in turn, starting with the designated wicketkeeper.

You will then be asked to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). You will need this if you are a winner. If you cannot get through, please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* 1st XI bat to record your selections and your PIN.

Only readers in the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere outside the United Kingdom and Channel Islands may enter by post.

Complete *The Times* 1st XI bat and send it, with your name and address and daytime telephone number, to:

The Times 1st XI,
PO Box 1803,
London NW1 8QN.

Entries must arrive by first post on February 16.

FIXTURES

Feb 16: First one-day international (Barbados)
Feb 19-24: First Test (Jamaica)
Feb 26: Second one-day international (Jamaica)
Mar 2: Third one-day international (St Vincent)
Mar 5: Fourth one-day international (Trinidad)
Mar 6: Fifth one-day international (Trinidad)
Mar 17-22: Second Test (Guyana)
Mar 25-30: Third Test (Trinidad)
Apr 8-13: Fourth Test (Barbados)
Apr 16-21: Fifth Test (Antigua)



How England may perform

By Simon Wilde

IN PREDICTING the performances of the England players in the Caribbean it is worth bearing in mind the kind of overall totals of runs and wickets the team might expect to make. Weather permitting, England might anticipate scoring in the region of 3,250 runs and taking about 110 wickets in the ten international matches.

These figures are based on the average totals in international matches of the last four teams to tour the West Indies: England in 1990, Australia in 1991, South Africa in 1992 and Pakistan in 1993. These sides scored about 450 runs per Test match (excluding England's Test in Guyana which was abandoned without a ball bowled) and 200 runs per one-day international. They took 16 wickets per Test and six per one-day game.

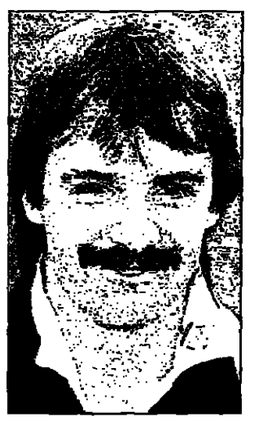
However, unless England field an unchanged side throughout the five Tests and five one-day internationals (a highly unlikely event), the total runs and wickets of a 1st XI will be smaller than these average totals. Also to be deducted are extras (which usually contribute some 15 per cent of a team's runs and are not credited to batsmen) and run outs (which are not credited to the bowler).

It is also worth bearing in mind how easily runs and wickets can accrue in the one-day game. Batsmen who might struggle in the attritional atmosphere of a Test may respond positively to the limited-overs game.

In 1991, Geoff Marsh, the Australia opening batsman, struggled in the Test series. After making half-centuries in the Tests in Jamaica and Guyana, he did not score more than 12 in any of his final six innings as he fell prey to the new-ball bowlers, in particular Ambrose, who took his wicket four times. In all, his nine Test innings produced only 226 runs.

In the one-day internationals, though, it was a different story. Marsh struck a rich vein of form and turned in scores of 26, 23, 81, 113 and 106 not out, boosting his aggregate in the ten internationals to a healthy 575.

HOW PREDICTIONS ARE MEASURED





Player: Jack Russell (wicketkeeper)		Player: Robin Smith (batsman)	
Predicted runs	350	Predicted runs	440
Actual runs	275	Actual runs	560
Difference	75	Difference	120
Points (75 x 1)	75	Points (120 x 1)	120
Predicted wickets (ct and st)	25	Predicted wickets	0
Actual wickets	22	Actual wickets	1
Difference	3	Difference	1
Points (3 x 20)	60	Points (1 x 20)	20
TOTAL POINTS (75 + 60)	135	TOTAL POINTS (120 + 20)	140

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Only applications made through *The Times* 1st XI telephone lines will be accepted from readers in the United Kingdom and Channel Islands. Postal applications will only be accepted from readers in the Republic of Ireland and outside the United Kingdom and must be received by the closing date. Only one postal entry per household is permitted.

2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, February 16, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The lines are open now.

3. Only players published in The Times 1st XI list will be accepted as entries into the 1st XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into.

4. The 11 players selected must be drawn from the 17 in the published list. Six must be drawn from those designated as batsmen, four from the bowlers. One must be drawn from the wicketkeeper category although either Stewart or Russell may also be selected as a batsman if not picked as wicketkeeper. No player may be picked twice.

5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. Offer is open to readers over the age of 18.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the lowest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break.

In the first instance of a tie, the entrant whose selected eleven made the most appearances in the ten matches would be adjudged the winner. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times 1st XI form part of the terms and conditions for participation.

10. Calls charged at 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at other times.

11. Calls should take around six minutes.



Samaranch must beware revolt from within IOC

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) and its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, have come under fire from Norway's most famous sportsman, Vegard Ullvang, winner of three gold medals in cross-country skiing at Albertville two years ago. Yet Ullvang's public criticism is nothing compared with the mood of dissent among rank-and-file IOC members.

There is even informal talk here of some minority national Olympic committees withdrawing from the Olympic Games in the near future in the absence of more consultative administration. There has not been a mood of such anxiety, and insecurity among members, in the 14 years since Samaranch was elected president.

Unless he responds to that mood, his reign could end to the sound of hammering at his door instead of the acclaim which his many achievements deserve. Shop-floor mutiny is in the air.

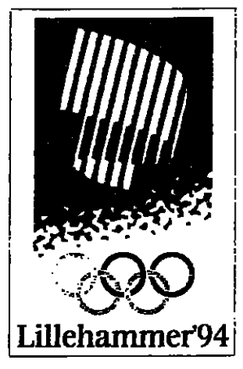
Ullvang's outburst is a serious embarrassment to Norway, host of the Winter Games that begin on Saturday, more than to the IOC. The Nordic skiing hero, who personifies the sporting traditions of Norway's ferocious winters, is the competitor who will take the oath at the opening ceremony. On Tuesday, he condemned the movement that has glorified him.

Speaking on television — in an interview recorded last month — he accused the IOC of lacking democracy, and abused Samaranch for having been a minister under the Franco government. It is the worst breach of protocol since the Black Power protest by two American sprinters in 1968.

At an executive board meeting, there were demands for the strongest protest to the Lillehammer organisers before a formal lunch today with King Harald. Only the intervention of Vitaly Smirnov, of Russia, persuaded his more incensed colleagues to moderate their anger.

The embarrassment is primarily Norway's. It was, after all, only the democratic constitution of the Charter that, in 1988, made possible the election of this tiny town of 23,000 inhabitants as host for these Games.

Moreover, Ullvang's fame is partially established by being Olympic champion, so his comments on Norwegian Channel 2 are fouling his own nest. The Norwegian team press attaché, Audun Tjonslund, said yesterday: "We have discussed Ullvang's comments and defend his right to voice his opinion, but we agree the timing of the publication was unfortunate."



Samaranch has long enough emphasised that his function during the Franco regime is sufficiently well-known and accepted by the Spanish public for them to be his judge. Much more alarming for him should be the rumblings within his own fortress.

"As a pilot, when you are in a hurry, you are in danger," Willi Kaltschmitt, the Guatemalan member, said yesterday, with reference to Tuesday's failed attempt by the executive board to reduce host city elections to a shortlist of two. The failure to inform the members of the proposal in advance underlines the increasing rift between board and rank-and-file.

For 14 years, Samaranch, by an adroit combination of political anticipation, studiously researched information on in-house opinion, and shrewd judgment of rivals, attained his objectives by stealth and subtlety. Now, in his final four years, he must switch style to ensure that he has the first-hand loyalty of the members whose support he needs to complete his necessary overhaul of the Olympic movement.

Jacques Rogge, of Belgium, said yesterday: "Samaranch has achieved 80 per cent of his revolution, and is admired for it. There remain five targets for him: the tightening of drugs control; the establishment of the International Court of Appeal; the success of the Atlanta Games — which has some serious difficulties; the rationalisation of financial demands from the big international federations, such as athletics; and a revised IOC membership election system. But he must engage the support of the members."

The insecurity is heightened by unofficial proposals drawn up by Tomas Bach, one of Germany's two members, for reducing membership from 90 to 70, introducing all federation presidents as ex officio members, and the re-election of IOC members after an initial eight years, instead of life membership to 75. Unless Samaranch is careful, he faces like Margaret Thatcher, an internal revolution, which was unimaginable only last year.

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Host nation's hopes rest on Aamodt

David Powell talks to a Norwegian skier under intense pressure from his fellow countrymen to collect a gold medal



Aamodt could be Norway's answer to Tomba in these Olympics. Photograph: Stefano Rellandini

No wonder Kjetil Andre Aamodt prefers not to contemplate failure at the Winter Olympics, which begin in Lillehammer on Saturday. There would be his own disappointment and that of the host nation, while the accountants would be asking what went wrong.

"I must just concentrate on my skiing and not think about all the people who want me to win," Aamodt said. He is Norway's answer to Alberto Tomba and Marc Girardelli, the principal characters of Alpine ski racing in the late eighties and early nineties. Can he deliver in his most important competitive assignment?

Aamodt is Norway's outstanding hope for a worthwhile return on his country's huge investment in Alpine skiing since it learned, in 1988, that it would be staging the 1994 Winter Games. If he triumphs in all the races he is capable of winning, he could take four gold medals home to Oslo.

In 1988, Norway's Alpine budget was four million kroner (about £360,000); this season it is 17 million (about £1.55 million), mainly provided by sponsorship and government sources. The main backer is Bergesen, Norway's largest shipping owner.

As Norway saturates the Olympic Alpine events with a full complement of skiers, most capable of winning medals, it may reflect that, in the 1988 Calgary Games, the men's team comprised only three skiers.

Not a medal was won. "The Norwegian Olympic committee has always had money, it just did not pay much attention to Alpine skiing," Jan Fredrik Kvinnsland, the Norwegian ski federation's spokesman, said.

"We looked at what we were doing wrong and put it right," Johan Baumann, the Norwegian federation president, said. Quickly. At the Albertville Olympics the Norwegian team won two gold medals and two bronze.

"We set out to be the leading Alpine power by the time of the 1994 Olympics," Baumann added. "It has come about for a set of reasons: we have many skiers to choose from, we are a stong jumping and nordic country, and Alpine skiing was seen as a trendy sport to follow by the young." Count Aamodt in that number.

He was among the first successes of the new investment, winning a world junior title and now, at 22, possesses one Olympic and two senior world gold medals. "I was never particularly interested in nordic skiing," he said in his perfect English. "I like to ski down, not walk up."

What a difference two years have made in Aamodt's life. Nothing was expected of him in Albertville. Less than three months before the Games were due to begin, he was admitted to hospital with glandular fever so debilitating that he had to be drip-fed.

"It was the worst experience of my life," he said. "I could do nothing. My goal was to eat." Yet, remarkably, despite being advised he would not ski within six months, he returned to training almost immediately and, six weeks later, won the Olympic super giant slalom.

Last winter, in Morioka, Japan, Aamodt was the outstanding skier of the world championships, winning the slalom and giant slalom and finishing second in the combined.

The only discipline in which Aamodt probably does not have a chance in Lillehammer is the downhill, which is on Sunday, the first event on the Alpine programme. A medal, however, may be within his reach.

Girardelli, from Luxembourg, who has won a record five overall World Cup titles, and Tomba, the Italian with three Olympic gold medals, have been forced into the background by Aamodt this season. There has never been a Norwegian winner of the men's overall World Cup but Aamodt leads the present standings.

The Norwegians should make the most of success now because there is no knowing how long it will last. "Already we know that, after Lillehammer, we have to reduce our budget by about 20 per cent," Baumann said.

SPORTS LETTERS

Andrew should not hold others to blame

From Mr R. H. Wilson

Sir, Why should one of the best players in England have to have his thoughts reported in the press in order to draw attention to the fact that rugby union is exposed to poor decisions by poor referees?

Is Rob Andrew ("Justice done but law and order absent", February 7) being realistic in assuming that the laws of the game can be interpreted justly? Should he not adopt the old adage that the decision of the referee is final? The Scots have had to, despite the suspicion that it was probably not a Scotsman's hand committing the final offence that led to England's winning penalty.

Referees tend to regulate by what they think they saw. They can't see everything and those who watch television know only too well that every lineout and every collapsed scrum require choices to be made to allocate blame.

If you can't defeat a poor side of limited resources and tactics, why blame the referee? If you know beforehand to what standards he will regulate the game, or if you discern whilst playing, then show class and adapt.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. WILSON,
1 Easter Currie Court,
Edinburgh 14.

From the Earl of Haddo

Sir, What a pity that the balanced and fair reporting of a stirring Calcutta Cup should be so spoiled by the mean-spirited commentary of Rob Andrew.

He seems to feel that what was quite plainly an inferior team should lie down and let England trample all over it. Leaving aside his judgments on the referee, if a kicking game is required to unsettle the opposition, then so be it.

If there is a regular stand-off half of the past decade who has consistently reduced opposing teams and entire crowds to a state of stupefied boredom, then one needs to look no further than Andrew himself.

Yours faithfully,
HADDO,
22 Beauclerc Road, W6.

From Mr Dan White

Sir, Rob Andrew's comments were hasty and ill-conceived. Surely a player of his distinction should not criticise at length the referee in a match in which he has just played.

There is not much to support his insistence that Scotland were consistently offside under the high ball. Indeed, there is far more evidence of England's illegal tactics in forming blocking screens ahead of the catcher, for which England were fortunate not to be penalised.

As to other infringements at the lineouts and in the loose, it is the usual case of six of one and half a dozen of the other, and the Scots apparently feel they were unlucky in the balance of decisions.

It is extraordinary to witness whingeing in victory, let alone in defeat. The England captain's reaction after the game was surely the more balanced and justified response.

Yours sincerely,
DAN WHITE,
50 Caithness Road, SW14.

From Mr G. W. Rees

Sir, Rob Andrew is rightly grieved. A referee with the name McLachlan could never be fair to an Englishman. What did he do when Rory Underwood deliberately knocked on? He turned his blind eye: and it was his other eye that saw Gary Armstrong unsportingly avoid the England back row to plant the ball a millimetre short of the tryline.

It was ungenerous of the Scots not allowing the England forwards to take control, yet jolly sporting of the England forwards for not disrupting the Scots, and there was no need for the Scots to inflict on themselves the injuries suffered by Armstrong, Wainwright, Weir and Scott Hastings. Justice done?

Yours faithfully,
G. W. REES,
119 Beechwood Road,
Margam,
Port Talbot,
West Glamorgan.

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Referees need more support

From Mr John Prentice

Sir, Rob Andrew writes (February 7) that Scotland were constantly offside in the match at Murrayfield on Saturday. This is not the first time one has read this, not only of the Scots with their spoiling game, but of others too.

Very few tries are going to be scored by the backs under the modern laws if the offside law is not strictly enforced, and it is hard to see how referees are going to be able to do so when they have to direct their attention to so many other things.

Why not, as in football, give the men running the line the power to flag for offside, since they are ideally placed to do so. One would not want to see them invested with too many powers to interrupt the flow of the game, but surely this matter is now crucial and something should be done about it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PRENTICE,
Gentilshurst, Fernhurst,
Haslemere, Surrey.

From Mr R. E. J. Dennis

Sir, Following the two rugby union internationals last weekend, I am more than ever convinced that the higher the value of a try, the more teams will give away penalties rather than concede a try.

Both were lost by kickers missing kickable goals, rather than won by superior teams. Similarly, New Zealand lost to England in November, not because England played better (which they did) but because young Wilson had an off-day with the boot.

Watching the replays of both recent games, knowing the results and therefore able to take stock, one almost felt that each game could have been replaced by a contest between two kickers given, say, ten kicks at goal from various parts of the field.

Surely the answer to this sterotyped game is to admit the failure of the policy of increased points for a try, and reduce the value back to the three points of years ago. This would cause teams to be more afraid to risk the probable loss of three penalty points, particularly with today's precision kickers in action, rather than the mere possibility of a try.

Yours faithfully,
BOB DENNIS,
The Stables, 5 Hind Stile,
Higham Ferrers,
Northamptonshire.

Scotland's gain

From Mr N. W. P. Cole

Sir, As a supporter of the England rugby union team, I was, naturally, delighted when Jonathan Callard's last-minute penalty at Murrayfield sailed between the posts.

As a supporter of all that is best in sport, I was even more moved by Gavin Hastings's tearful appearance on television a few minutes later.

Many people believe that much of what sport once offered has been ruined by money: we fear for the possible future of rugby and how it, too, might become stained by commercial greed.

If anyone, however, doubted that top sports performers retain pride in appearing for their country, or see sport merely as a lucrative means of earning a living, then surely Hastings will have dispelled those doubts.

Scotland may have been beaten in the match last Saturday, but they gained far more than they lost.

Yours faithfully,
N. W. P. COLE,
Hawthorn Cottage,
Cold Norton,
nr Stone,
Staffordshire.

Many a slip

From Mr Bob Prichard

Sir, Last Saturday I experienced a remarkable piece of "Nanny State" bureaucracy.

When I arrived at the away supporters' entrance for the third division match between Gillingham and Crewe Alexandra, a steward carried out the usual check for dangerous objects in my bag.

He saw *The Times Magazine* and told me that, under a club rule, no newspapers were allowed in the ground. A WPC confirmed it, saying that someone had been hurt at an earlier match, slipping on torn-up newspaper. I was given the option of putting the magazine in a bin or leaving it at the club shop to collect later.

I walked away, folded it up and placed it in an inside pocket of my coat — and then entered the ground, after another bag search. Apparently, the food wrappings I still had in my bag could not be slipped on — and inside the ground you could buy club programmes and plastic cups of coffee, etc.

Yours faithfully,
BOB PRICHARD,
4 Roundmead Avenue,
Loughton, Essex.

Course not up to scratch

FROM MEL WEBB IN TENERIFE

GOLFERS on the PGA European Tour, used to plying their trade in reasonable comfort if not always in the lap of luxury, received a rude awakening as they gathered here for the Tenerife Open, which starts at Golf del Sur today.

They have found a course that is overplayed, underprepared and generally nowhere near the standard expected of a Tour venue, and an administration at the club that David Garland, the tournament director, who is not given to gratuitous hyperbole, described as "obstructive" yesterday.

"We came down here in November and advised the club what needed to be done," he said. "When our agronomy staff got here last Thursday, they were not allowed on the course until the head greenkeeper here arrived. It became obvious almost immediately that the work had not been carried out."

Golf del Sur has received much publicity since the tournament was launched in 1989, and at the height of the season more than 350 golf-hungry players from northern Europe pass through the club's 27 holes every day. At £35 a round, that represents big money.

Sergio Gomez, the manager of José María Olazábal, who makes his first appearance of the season this week, has promoted the tournament for the last two years, but, tired of the club's attitude, has given up the job. With no Gomez after this week, it seems doubtful that the Tour will be coming here next year.

As far as the Tour is concerned, it will be a small blow, for it needs such tournaments as this to give its younger players the chance to play some early-season golf in decent weather. The inescapable feeling is that the club would be delighted.

Be that as it may, the presence of Olazábal gives the affair some respectability. He is not, however, a happy man. His game, he says, is as erratic as it was all last season. "It is very important for me to get my game back, but it is not close," he said gloomily.

Mark James, the champion, is playing only because he is defending the title. Otherwise, the impression is that he would not have been within 2,000 miles of Tenerife, but would have been tending his garden in Leeds.

He comes to the tournament having played in only one event since the end of October, and will next be seen in the Benson and Hedges International in early May.

If he is to make the Ryder Cup team in 1995, which he intends to do, he will have to be playing for 16 months almost without a break, and does not want to burn himself out, he says. James, too, claims he has no chance of victory but, unlike Olazábal, he is in an upbeat mood.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

APROCTOUS

(c) Having no anus or fundament, from the Greek *a* privative + *prōktos* the anus: Rolleston, *Animal Life*, 1870: "No vertebrate animal is aproctous."

BODLE

(c) A Scottish copper coin of the value of two pennies (Scots) or (c. 1600) one sixth of an English penny, the smallest coin, hence, like *farthing*, in the phrase *not to care a bodle*: reputed to be from the name of a mint-master, *Bothwell*, but no documentary evidence is cited: Walter Scott, *The Abbot*, 1820: "It was not that I cared a brass bodle for his benison or malison."

SOLANDER

(c) A box made in the form of a book, used for holding botanical specimens, papers, maps, etc., an eponym from the name of the Swedish botanist D. C. Solander (1736-1782): "I shall be as happy in the arrival of my Solander as he whose name it bears was to arrive once more in England after his circumnavigation."

SCHIZZO

(a) A sketch, the Italian word, said to be from the Latin *schedius*, *cf. schedia* a raft, *schedium* an extemporaneous poem, from the Greek *schedios* done or made off-hand, extempore: "The Schizzos are ordinarily reduced into Cartoons in Fresco Painting, or Copyed and Enlarged in Oyl-Painting."

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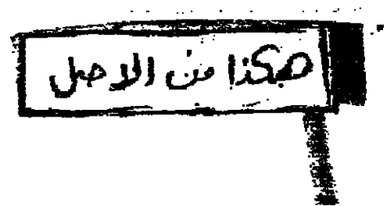
Details will be published in that day's issue of The Times and in the racecard at Newbury.

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One Man shows festival style

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

ONE Man produced the best performance by a staying novice chaser this season at Ascot yesterday to leave Gordon Richards dreaming of Cheltenham festival glory — this year and next.

Corals offered just 20-1 against the six-year-old grey winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1995 after he had jumped his eight rivals into the ground in the Reynoldstown Novices Chase at the Berkshire racecourse.

The next target for One Man will be the Sun Alliance Chase at next month's festival, for which Ladbrokes yesterday opened a book and offered a generous-looking 7-1 against yesterday's impressive winner. Merry Gale, trained in Ireland by Jim Dreaper, is 5-1 favourite ahead of Martin Pipe's Lord Relic on 6-1.

"I had to show you I had a horse," Richards, who made the 288-mile journey from his Cumbria base, joked afterwards. "Otherwise you might have thought I was keeping him up in the north and hiding him! He's a lovely lepper, as was Carrick Hill Lad, but this horse is a quick lepper. You could see early on he was a natural over fences."

In a typical understatement, the Greystoke trainer described One Man as a "nice baby," but when pushed admitted to harbouring Gold Cup aspirations for his rising star. "I might have won Gold Cups with Carrick Hill Lad, Titus Oates, and Playlord. It was not to be, but you have to keep going back to Cheltenham to try," he added. Tartan Tailor, winner of the 1987 Supreme Novices' hurdle, was his last festival success.

One Man had made most of the running when winning his four previous chases in the north, but Neale Doughty was happy to sit in sixth place for much of the first circuit before jumping into the lead at the twelfth fence. Fencing with minimum fuss, he had seen off the challenge of Mailcom and Mudahim before the latter fell two out.

Dubacilla, the fast-improving mare trained in Somerset by Henry Cole, would be joint second favourite for the Gold Cup with Ladbrokes — had she been entered.

Despite being raised 22lb for her last two victories, the eight-year-old shrugged off top weight of 12 stone to win the Comet Handicap Chase a shade comfortably. Dubacilla was given a delightful ride by the under-rated Dean Gallagher, and will now go for the Ritz Club Chase at Cheltenham. "She's a super mare and could be anything," the jockey said.

Cole, who milked his cows at 5.45am before driving the horse box from near Taunton, said: "Before she won at Cheltenham last time people would have thought us stupid if we had entered her for the Gold Cup; afterwards they said we were stupid because we had not entered her. When the entries for the Gold Cup closed she had not done anything to warrant running in the Gold Cup."

Veronica, wife of the permit holder, added: "If she was trained by Martin Pipe, Dubacilla would be hailed as the next Dawn Run."

Scobie Boy earned his place in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham after easily justifying favouritism in the opening Fernbank Novices' Hurdle to provide Charlie Egerton with his first Ascot winner. "Personally, I don't think he will be good enough to win as he is probably 10lb behind the best, but let's hope I am wrong," Egerton said.

Another trainer to open his score at Ascot was Tom George, who, at the age of 26, is one of the youngest handlers in the country. Newton Point provided him with his fourth success since joining the training ranks this season when outstaying Buonarroti.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Dubacilla, left, jumps the last upsides Rough Quest on her way to a game victory at Ascot yesterday

Greenall to enjoy change of fortune

By BRIAN BEEL

WINCANTON today stages the first of eight qualifiers in the Times Rising Stars series, with seven point-to-pointers hoping to guarantee themselves a place in the £10,000-added final at Newbury on March 25.

Johnny Greenall has been out of luck on horses handled by Peter Cheesbrough recently, but I confidently expect the Caroline Saunders-trained **Sunny Mount** to win for him today. Greenall gave Sunny Mount a stern test when starting the 1992 season by running him in hunter chases when still a maiden point-to-pointer and he fell twice. Switched then to the easier fences, he has since won 12 of 17 races.

His latest outing came at the Point-to-point Owners Club meeting at Barbury Castle 19 days ago, when he comfortably won a division of the Land Rover qualifier. His jumping that day gave no cause for alarm.

Like most of his rivals, **Flame O'Frensi** is making her hunter chase debut, but she is a force to be reckoned with in point-to-points. In her first season as a five-year-old she fell once but, apart from that lapse, has the remarkable record of never being out of the frame in her other 22 races. She won six times last year, and resumed winning ways on her reappearance at Barbury Castle last month.

One who has experience in hunter chases is **Over The Edge**, twice a winner in Ireland two years ago. Having moved to Christopher Sporborg's yard last year, Over The Edge made a promising debut in this country at Larkhill when splitting the useful Nearly Splendid and Nick The Brief. He confirmed the good impression created there when beating Melton Park at Ampton, but the concession of a stone to Sunny Mount is likely to prove too much.

Prior to Barbury Castle, **Mr Golightly** had only a maiden win to show for his efforts last season. It was some surprise, therefore, when he started at the short price of 4-1 in a division of the novice riders' race to end up a 12-length winner.

Upham Close finished strongly when third behind previous winner, Rural Outfit, at Badbury Rings and should come on for that outing. Another who is likely to improve on his seasonal debut is **Zorro's Mark**, fourth in a good restricted race at Barbury Castle. Outsider of the field will be **Sagaro Sun**, whose best finish last season was a third in a maiden point-to-point.

In conjunction with the Rising Stars series, Times readers today have the chance to win a £5,000 wardrobe of fine clothing from Aquascutum of London.

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WINCANTON LINE-UP

2.00 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTERS CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,970: 3m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

201 3303-21 OVER THE EDGE 12P (D,G,S) (C Sporborg) C Sporborg 8-12-12 S Sporborg (7) 88
202 13322-1 MR GOLIGHTLY 19P (G,S) (G Cobden) Mrs S Cobden 7-11-12 Miss J Cobden (7) –
203 4P43/53- SAGARO SUN 348P (M Anthony) M Anthony 8-11-12 Miss C Thomas (7) –
204 11111-1 SUNNY MOUNT 19P (F,G,S) (J Greenall) Miss C Saunders 8-11-12 J Greenall –
205 1P12-4 ZORRO'S MARK 19P (F,G) (Mrs J Purdie) Mrs J Purdie 7-11-12 J Dufosee (7) –
206 12212-1 FLAME O'FRENSI 19P (F,G,S) (P Clarke) K Cumings 8-11-7 Miss J Cumings (7) –
207 311F-3 UPHAM CLOSE 12P (F,G,S) (R Hand) R Hand 8-11-7 Miss A Turner (7) –

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 4-5 Sunny Mount, 100-30 Flame O'Frensi, 6-1 Over The Edge, 9-1 Mr Golightly, 10-1 Upham Close, 25-1 Zorro's Mark, 50-1 Sagaro Sun

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

OVER THE EDGE beat Melton Park 4l in open at Ampton (3m, soft). MR GOLIGHTLY beat Quick Rapor 12l in novice riders race at Barbury Castle (3m, good to soft). SAGARO SUN 3l 3rd of 21 to Fight Again in maiden at Newtown (3m, good). SUNNY MOUNT beat Southern Buck 8l in open at Barbury Castle (3m, soft). ZORRO'S MARK 31l 4th of 17 to Kilfinny Cross in restricted at Barbury Castle (3m, soft). FLAME O'FRENSI beat Beltalong 2l in mares race at Barbury Castle (3m, soft). UPHAM CLOSE 21l 3rd of 13 to Rural Outfit in ladies open at Badbury Rings (3m, good to soft).

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THUNDERER
1.30 Jump Start
2.00 Mr Golightly
2.30 BOND JNR (nap)
3.00 Waterloo Boy
3.30 Cloud Cuckoo
4.00 Snowy Lane
4.30 Tip The Dove

Brian Beel: 2.00 Sunny Mount.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (7.30AM PRECAUTIONARY INSPECTION) SIS

1.30 GILLINGHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,322: 2m) (9 runners)

101 321-433 STYLUS 5 (D,BF,S) (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 5-11-10 R Massey (4) 98
102 045555 CORRIN HILL 38 (B,S) (B Froome) R Hodges 7-11-3 W Marston 98
103 04-1101 CABIN HILL 18 (CD,F,S) (Kinnersley Crew) S Christian 8-10-13 P Mells (7) 96
104 502/141 JUMP START 13 (CD,G,S) (S Pike) S Pike 7-10-4 A Thornton 88
105 111P/P5- ECOSSAIS DANSEUR 359 (B,D,F) (Kinnersley Racing) E Buckley 8-10-3 L Reynolds (4) 90
106 2/12-43 AAL EL AAL 77 (BF,G) (Mrs C Hale) P Hobbs 7-10-0 N Parker (4) 94
107 36-F050 MARIOLINO 10F (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Fletcher) K Bishop 7-10-0 M Moran (4) 90
108 60/ HOME COUNTY 2123 (D,G,S) (M Kirby) M McNeill 12-10-0 A Procter –
109 36-P555 LUCKY BLUE 28 (Mrs S Palmer) R Hodges 7-10-0 T Thompson (4) 74

Long handicap: Home County 8-13, Lucky Blue 7-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Jump Start, 11-4 Cabin Hill, 4-1 Stylus, 5-1 Aal El Aal, 10-1 Corrin Hill, 16-1 others.

1993: MIAMI SPLASH 6-11-3 M Hourigan (9-4 fav) P Hobbs 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

STYLUS 15l 3rd of 4 to Highland Spirit in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). CORRIN HILL 24l 5th of 7 to Mohana in a handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2l, heavy). CABIN HILL beat Island Jewel 2l in an 11-runner handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft). JUMP START beat Keep Me In Mind 1½l in an 11-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). AAL EL AAL 13l 3rd of 13 to Nobleity in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). LUCKY BLUE 13l 5th of 14 to Miss Equilia in a conditional jockeys handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft) with MARIOLINO (22lb better off) 15l 9th.
Selection: CABIN HILL

2.00 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTERS CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,970: 3m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

2.30 PREMIERE NATIONAL HUNT AUCTION NOVICES HURDLE
(£11,200: 2m) (8 runners)

301 2-11131 OLD BRIDGE 44 (CD,G,S) (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 6-12-0 S McNeill 98
302 2-3043 CONEY ROAD 28 (T Eaves) D Elsworth 5-11-10 P Holley 79
303 220-1 SPIRIT IN THE NITE 70 (D,G) (Mrs T Pilkington) J Gifford 5-11-7 D Murphy 80
304 1-314 BOND JNR 59 (D,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 5-11-2 G Bradley 88
305 550-U0 KING'S MAVERICK 15 (C Ellis) M Pipe 6-11-1 R Dunwoody –
306 5022 THE FROG PRINCE 16 (R Cooper) N Gaselee 6-11-1 R Supple 84
307 P-5POPP RUSTIC FLIGHT 44 (Flight Connection) R Eckley 7-10-12 M A Fitzgerald 64
308 6535 GOSPEL 38 (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 C Llewellyn 85

BETTING: 2-1 Old Bridge, 7-2 Spirit In The Nite, 4-1 Bond Jnr, 7-1 The Frog Prince, 8-1 Gospel, 10-1 Coney Road, 14-1 King's Maverick, 50-1 Rustic Flight.

1993: AMTRAK EXPRESS 6-11-1 J Kavanagh (16-1) N Henderson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

OLD BRIDGE beat Moamur short-head in a 4-runner hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, heavy). CONEY ROAD 4l 3rd of 20 to Gales Cavalier in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). SPIRIT IN THE NITE beat Sylvan Sabre ½l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). BOND JNR 12l 4th of 14 to Bold Stroke in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft). THE FROG PRINCE 8l 2nd of 22 to Moorish in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft). GOSPEL 7½l 5th of 14 to Artex Mole in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: OLD BRIDGE

3.00 RACING IN WESSEX CHASE (£5,248: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

401 6P-P341 WATERLOO BOY 12 (D,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 11-12-0 R Dunwoody 88
402 1/21F-P4 RYDE AGAIN 12 (D,F,G,S) (Miss J Hayward) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-10 D Murphy 92
403 54-P354 LA CERISE 9 (G,S) (Mrs H Farrell) K Bishop 11-11-6 M Moran –
404 422P12 SMARTIE EXPRESS 44 (CD,F,G,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 12-11-6 M A Fitzgerald 74
405 62-2340 GARRISON SAVANNAH 75 (C,G,S) (Autofour) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-2 G Bradley 97

BETTING: 4-6 Waterloo Boy, 7-2 Garrison Savannah, 5-1 Ryde Again, 8-1 Smartie Express, 100-1 La Cerise.

1993: CHERRYKINO 8-11-6 H Davies (7-4 fav) T Forster 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

WATERLOO BOY beat Richville head in an 8-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5l, soft) with RYDE AGAIN (7lb worse off) 14¾l 4th. Better effort when 5¾l 3rd of 7 to Sybillin in grade II Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown (2m, good). RYDE AGAIN best effort beat Beach Road 12l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5l, soft) last season. LA CERISE best recent effort 9¼l 3rd of 6 to Ho Fresh in a handicap chase at Downpatrick (2m 4l, yield). SMARTIE EXPRESS beat French Charmer 15l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. GARRISON SAVANNAH 8l 4th of 8 to Royal Athlete in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 3l 110yd, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: WATERLOO BOY

3.30 HOECHST PANACUR E.B.F. MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,784: 2m 6f) (18 runners)

501 2111/12 BRIEF GALE 69 (BF,G,S) (Miss C Zetter) J Gifford 7-11-0 D Murphy 88
502 5-01 FORT RANK 24 (S) (P Tylor) R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost 73
503 0-0F3 ALICE SPRINGS 38 (Mrs J Greed) S G Knight 5-10-7 Mr T Greed 60
504 63-2 CANAL STREET 112 (S Marsh) P Hobbs 5-10-7 M Hourigan 90
505 CLOUD CUCKOO (Mrs S Humphreys) P Nicholls 6-10-7 G Bradley –
506 20- FOREST PRIDE 292 (I S Racing) K Bailey 5-10-7 N Williamson –
507 1/325-4 G'TIME A BUZZ 91 (G) (D Beresford) M Pipe 6-10-7 R Dunwoody 92
508 F043/6-P GLADYS EMMANUEL 28 (T Pocock) R Pocock 7-10-7 S Burrough 74
509 F6PFF3 KEMMY DARLING 14 (J Mitchell) M Muggeridge 7-10-7 M Ahern 65
510 LADY CAROTINO (S) (J Harvey) C Barwell 10-10-7 B Clifford –
511 06-003 LAY IT OFF 41 (J O'Neill) J G O'Neill 5-10-7 L Harvey 90
512 0P ORCHESTRATED CHAOS 9 (J Mead) J Mullins 5-10-7 S Curran (5) –
513 00 QUAGO 28 (Mrs T Lewis) R Buckler 6-10-7 J Railton –
514 05 RAISIN TURF 22 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-10-7 W Marston 70
515 5 SLIEVE LEAGUE 8 (A Jenkins) J Webber 5-10-7 R Bellamy –
516 060 SOLO GIRL 45 (Plough Racing) A Jones 6-10-7 S McNeill 71
517 54-32U SPREAD YOUR WINGS 28 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 6-10-7 P Holley 90
518 TANDEM (Mrs D Henderson) N Henderson 6-10-7 M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 7-4 Brief Gale, 7-2 Spread Your Wings, 5-1 G'Time A Buzz, 7-1 Canal Street, 10-1 Tandem, 12-1 Fort Rank, 14-1 Cloud Cuckoo, Forest Pride, 20-1 others.

1993: KIWI VELOCITY 6-11-0 Peter Hobbs (9-4 fav) P Hobbs 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIEF GALE 3l 2nd of 21 to My Wizard in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). Previously beat Gorteera 6l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, good) with SPREAD YOUR WINGS (7lb better off) 6l 3rd and G'TIME ME A BUZZ (7lb better off) 5l 4th. FORT RANK beat Country Store 2l in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2l, soft). CANAL STREET neck 2nd of 16 to Anna Valley in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). LAY IT OFF 25¾l 3rd of 7 to Glaisdale in a conditions hurdle at Newbury (2m 5l, heavy). SPREAD YOUR WINGS previously short-head 2nd of 7 to Mr Pickpocket in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: BRIEF GALE (nap)

4.00 WEATHERBYS NEWCOMERS SERIES NOVICES CHASE
(£3,288: 3m 1f 110yd) (8 runners)

601 6065-64 ARCTICFLOW 10 (B) (N Thomson) N Thomson 9-11-4 P Holley –
602 6/PPPS DRAW LOTS 13 (P Radford) P Radford 10-11-4 T Thompson (7) –
603 6PP MAXXUM-EXPRESS 13 (Leslie Garner Racing) G Balding 6-11-4 M A Fitzgerald –
604 0P OURPALWENTY 16 (C Nash) C Nash 7-11-4 W Marston –
605 3/1433 RAMPOLDI 38 (B,G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 7-11-4 G Bradley 88
606 01083-6 SNOWY LANE 16 (V,G,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-4 R Dunwoody –
607 0-P00 TRIMAGE 28 (Mrs G Leigh) T Forster 6-11-4 C Llewellyn –
608 FP YOUNG BRAVE 19 (F) (D Young) R Alner 8-11-4 S Earle –

BETTING: 11-10 Snowy Lane, 6-4 Rampoldi, 8-1 Young Brave, 14-1 Trimage, 20-1 others.

1993: TIPP MARINER 8-11-4 G Upton (6-1) S Sherwood 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTICFLOW tailed off last of 4 to Hops And Pops in a novice chase at Plumpton (2m, good to soft). DRAW LOTS tailed off 3rd of 7 to Run Up The Flag in a novice chase over course and distance (good to soft) with MAXXUM EXPRESS pulled up before 4 out. RAMPOLDI 8½l 3rd of 8 to Kalanski in a novice chase at Exeter (2m 7l 110yd, heavy) with MAXXUM EXPRESS pulled up at halfway. SNOWY LANE best effort beat Acrow Line 4l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft) last season. Makes chasing debut. YOUNG BRAVE best effort beat Winter's Lane neck in a 12-runner point-to-point at Badbury Rings (3m, good to firm) last season.
Selection: RAMPOLDI

4.30 WINCANTON OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,999: 2m) (18 runners)

1 03-1 TIP THE DOVE 36 (S) (C Price) R Price 5-11-5 Mr G Hogan (7) –
2 CHANCE DE LA VIE (Miss C Horler) Miss C Horler 5-11-3 Pat Thompson (7) –
3 0- COUNTRY KEEPER 320 (B Ryall) B Ryall 6-11-3 M A Fitzgerald –
4 0 COUNTRY LORD 120 (Hunt & Co Ltd) P Nicholls 5-11-3 G Bradley –
5 00 DIAMOND FLIER 22 (Executive Racing Partners) Miss H Knight 5-11-3 Mr J M Pritchard –
6 05 PENNYMOOR PRINCE 86 (N Lake) R Frost 5-11-3 R Darke (7) –
7 RIVER LEVEN (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-11-3 J Railton –
8 35- SPARKLING CONE 274 (Mrs M Horton) M Pipe 5-11-3 R Dunwoody –
9 4 WHERE'S WILLIE 14 (D Langdon) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 T Jenks (5) –
10 03 BOURNEL 36 (N Bowden) C Barwell 6-10-12 Mr R White (7) –
11 PAPRIKA (Lavis Medical Systems) M Williams 5-10-12 S McNeill –
12 0 PINBER 22 (G Giddings) G Giddings 6-10-12 Mr S Mulcaire (7) –
13 0- SALTHORSE DELIGHT 294 (Sir Fitzroy Talbot) R Buckler 6-10-12 W Marston –
14 4 TARTAN MOSS 26 (J Charlton) P Hobbs 5-10-12 N Parker (7) –
15 BOYFRIEND (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 4-10-7 P Holley –
16 0 DUNNICKS COUNTRY 26 (F Tucker) F Tucker 4-10-2 C Maude –
17 PERSISTENT GUNNER (P Stade) R Hodges 4-10-2 I Lawrence –
18 0 WIN A HAND 19 (B Ryall) B Ryall 4-10-2 C Llewellyn –

BETTING: 6-4 Tip The Dove, 5-1 Where's Willie, 6-1 Sparkling Cone, 8-1 Bournel, 10-1 Country Lord, Tartan Moss, 14-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	22	64	34.4	M Hourigan	8	29	27.6
M Pipe	34	119	28.6	R Dunwoody	29	142	20.4
N Twiston-Davies	6	26	23.1	D Murphy	8	43	18.6
D Nicholson	13	57	22.8	G Bradley	6	42	14.3
A Turnell	10	48	20.8	R Bellamy	3	22	13.6
R Alner	4	21	19.0	C Llewellyn	9	68	13.2

Dunwoody replaced on Trophy favourite

NORMAN Williamson was yesterday confirmed as the rider of the Tote Gold Trophy favourite Flakey Dove at Newbury on Saturday. He replaces Richard Dunwoody, who is required by Martin Pipe to ride at Uttoxeter on the same day.

Flakey Dove's trainer, Richard Price, said: "This doesn't cause us a problem. Norman's quite capable and he has ridden the horse before." Price is confident that Flakey Dove, the 4-1 favourite with the sponsors, will be thereabouts in the £50,000-added handicap hurdle over an extended two miles. "There's nothing wrong with her form at all and the distance won't be a problem," he said. "She will also be suited by the good, fast gallop they usually go in this race."

Flakey Dove's chances will be increased if the top-weight Oh So Risky stands his ground. His absence would cause a weights rise of 9lb, thereby bringing several more horses into the handicap proper.

A spokeswoman for Oh So Risky's trainer, David Elsworth, said: "David is aware that there is a lot of interest in whether the horse runs. He will simply do the best for the horse, and he will run provided the ground is not too soft." The chances of Oh So Risky taking part are increasing, with conditions for the two-day meeting having dried out this week. The ground is now good to soft.

The sponsors now bet: 4-1 Flakey Dove, 9-2 Large Action, 6-1 Nijmegen, 8-1 Arcot, 9-1 Thumbs Up, 10-1 High Baron, Oh So Risky, 12-1 others.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OLD BRIDGE
(2.30 Wincanton)
Next best: The Flying Footman
(4.10 Huntingdon)

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
2.10 So Discreet. 2.40 Scole. 3.10 Seekin Cash. 3.40 Newlands-General. 4.10 The Flying Footman. 4.40 So Proud.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN STRAIGHT) SIS

2.10 GLATTON CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,058: 2m 5f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 0PP- KEELBY 257 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-10 M Dwyer –
2 2-21 SO DISCREET 13 (D,F,S) J White 6-11-10 A Maguire 95
3 000- ENBORNE LAD 255 (B,D,G,S) G Enright 10-11-4 M Perrett 81
4 0/0- KILMYSHALL 297 J Gilford 8-11-4 P Hide (3) –
5 4F6- TRY NEXT DOOR 350 O Brennan 7-11-4 M Brennan –
6 B06P THE HIDDEN CITY 38 (G) C Tinkler 8-11-2 B Powell 65
7 P BROUGHTON'S GOLD 8 W Musson 6-11-1 S Smith Eccles –
8 -402 MISTIC GLEN 13 (CD,F,S) J Parkes 5-11-1 A Dobbin 89
9 -604 HELLO VANOS 13 C Beever 6-11-0 P McLoughlin (7) 66
10 /0 KEEP HOPE ALIVE 55 (G,S) B Curley 10-11-0 DOUBTFUL –
11 /04- THE PAPPARAZI 397 (G,S) B Curley 14-11-0 E Murphy 88
12 -P00 JOSIE SMITH 29 (S) Mrs A Knight 10-10-13 D Matthews (5) –

10-11 So Discreet, 5-1 Mistic Glen, 6-1 The Papparazi, 8-1 Hello Vanos, 10-1 Keelby, 14-1 Try Next Door, 16-1 Kilmyshall, 20-1 others.

2.40 WHITTLESEY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,756: 3m) (8)

1 22-5 THE LEGGETT 19 (B,D,F,G,S) A Jessop 11-12-0 A Smith 91
2 2PPU SCOLE 12 (G) F Murphy 9-11-12 A Maguire 89
3 1321 BALTIC BROWN 9 (D,G,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-9 (5ex) R Guest 98
4 -154 LOCH BLUE 20 (CD,G,S) S Dow 12-11-7 A Dicken (3) 92
5 18F2 DRAGONS DEN 62 (D,F,G,S) S Sherwood 8-11-6 J Osborne 94
6 -12P POSTMAN'S PATH 54 (BF,G,S) T Forster 8-11-1 B Powell 96
7 0231 DONT TELL THE WIFE 14 (S) Mrs D Haine 8-10-5 D Bridgwater 95
8 5233 CAMBO 12 (G,S) M Banks 8-10-4 D Skyrme 88

11-4 Postman's Path, 4-1 Baltic Brown, 9-2 Dragons Den, 5-1 Dont Tell The Wife, 7-1 Cambo, 9-1 Loch Blue, 10-1 Scole, 12-1 The Leggett.

3.10 SIDNEY BANKS MEMORIAL NOVICES HURDLE
(£6,873: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 111 SEEKIN CASH 12 (S) C Egerton 5-11-6 J Osborne 88
2 44 MALENOIR 5 R Spicer 6-11-4 R Guest 50
3 832P CZAR NICHOLAS 50 R Marvin 5-11-2 W Worthington 52
4 3111 RELKEEL 12 (S) D Nicholson 5-11-2 A Maguire 90

8-13 Seekin Cash, 11-8 Relkeel, 20-1 Czar Nicholas, Malenoir.

3.40 CROXTON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,499: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 3221 CRYSTAL BEAR 38 (B,F,S) T Forster 9-11-10 B Powell 88
2 -PU5 CALDECOTT 52 Mrs S Smith 8-11-3 R Guest –
3 -03F DAN DE LYON 16 D Nicholson 6-11-3 A Maguire –
4 -300 FIRST COMMAND 38 T Forster 7-11-3 R Farrant (3) –
5 20-3 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 16 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-3 M Dwyer 80
6 3-3F QUENTIN DURWOOD 19 (S) B De Haan 8-11-3 J Osborne 87
7 00- SIMWELL 352 F Murphy 6-11-3 P Murphy (7) –
8 40 SOUND AND FURY 85 J Old 10-11-3 T Grantham –
9 1123 SOUTHOLT 20 (F,G) F Murphy 6-11-3 D Bridgwater –
10 2003 WINGED WHISPER 55 J Pickering 5-10-8 T Eley (5) –

7-2 Crystal Bear, 4-1 Newlands-General, Southolt, 9-2 Dan De Lyon, Quentin Durwood, 16-1 First Command, 20-1 Caldecott, Winged Whisper, 25-1 Simwell, 33-1 Sound And Fury.

4.10 FARCET FEN HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,770: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 P63P ATLAAL 20 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Jenkins 9-11-10 S Smith Eccles 88
2 1F-4 PRIVATE AUDITION 14 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 12-11-8 P Murphy (7) 98
3 4P54 EMSEE-H 14 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 9-11-4 J Osborne 91
4 -211 THE FLYING FOOTMAN 42 (CD,G,S) D Nicholson 8-10-4 A Maguire 97

5-4 The Flying Footman, 3-1 Atlaal, 7-2 Emsee-H, 4-1 Private Audition.

4.40 LONG STANTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,724: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 0-P4 YAHEEB 42 (D,G,S) M W Easterby 10-12-0 G McCourt 82
2 F0/ SO PROUD 800 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 9-11-8 M Perrett –
3 11-P KNIGHTS 9 (F,G) C Broad 8-11-6 Jacqui Oliver 95
4 -035 BRAMBLEBERRY 20 (D,S) Mrs S Smith 5-10-11 R Guest 88
5 1-05 DORADUS 28 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-4 F Leahy (7) 98
6 1244 NAGOBELIA 14 (CD,S) J Pearce 6-10-2 A Maguire 96
7 0600 DUKE DE VENDOME 14 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs D Haine 11-10-0 Mr G Haine (7) 83

3-1 Yaheeb, 7-2 So Proud, 4-1 Doradus, 5-1 Knights, 6-1 Brambleberry, Nagobelia, 33-1 Duke De Vendome.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 19 winners from 63 runners, 30.2%; J Pearce, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Gifford, 15 from 77, 19.5%; F Murphy, 23 from 137, 16.8%; M Banks, 3 from 19, 15.8%; T Forster, 7 from 45, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; A Maguire, 17 from 85, 20.0%; M Perrett, 8 from 44, 18.2%; P Hide, 4 from 23, 17.4%; S Smith Eccles, 8 from 49, 16.3%; G McCourt, 7 from 46, 15.2%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.50 Erlking. 2.20 Masroug. 2.50 Paper Star. 3.20 Saahi. 3.50 Monday Club. 4.20 Colossus Of Roads.
Private Handicapper's top rating:
1.50 RUSTY REEL.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.50 FORSYTHIA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,730: 2m) (10 runners)

1 4021 ERLKING 7 (CD,G) S Mellor 11-4 Chris Webb (7)
2 1 RUSTY REEL 19 (S) I Campbell 11-4 R Campbell
3 4 ARAMON 23 P Mitchell 10-12 G McCourt
4 83P BILJAN 10 J Jenkins 10-12 Mr G Johnson Houghton
5 0062 CONBRIO STAR 7 (B) C Mann 10-12 D Fortt (5)
6 F NUTTY BROWN 20 P Hobbs 10-12 W McFarland
7 PAIR OF JACKS 9F W Muir 10-12 M Richards
8 U SOVIET EXPRESS 8 (B) C Brooks 10-12 D Gallagher
9 FP0U SUNBEAM CHARLIE 14 A Moore 10-12 G Upton
10 40 COSMIC STAR 13 P Winkworth 10-7 A Merrigan

7-4 Rusty Reel, 5-2 Erlking, 8-1 Pair Of Jacks, Soviet Express, 10-1 Biljan, 12-1 Conbrio Star, 14-1 others.

2.20 BUDDLEIA SELLING HURDLE
(£1,730: 2m 2f) (8)

1 0023 MASROUG 21 (S) A Moore 7-11-10 M Richards
2 1004 RED INK 14 (F) J Jenkins 5-11-10 W J Walsh (7)
3 65PP TAPESTRY DANCER 7 (D,G) M Haynes 6-11-10 Chris Webb (7)
4 0P-P ALL ELECTRIC 29 C Popham 9-11-4 A Merrigan
5 P5-P ROGEVIC BELLE 7 R Stronge 6-11-4 W McFarland
6 P-02 RUMBELOW 14 Mrs L Richards 5-11-4 D Fortt (5)
7 40 SUMMER EXPRESS 9 J Spearing 5-11-4 Miss C Spearing (7)
8 P EASY AMANDA 117 Mrs S Williams 6-10-13 A Tory

6-4 Masroug, 4-1 Red Ink, 5-1 Rumbelow, 6-1 Tapestry Dancer, 10-1 All Electric, Rogevic Belle, 20-1 others.

2.50 COTONEASTER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,722: 2m 6f) (5)

1 633U PAPER STAR 19 M Muggeridge 7-11-10 M P Fitzgerald (7)
2 2/P6 COLONIAL OFFICE 107 (B) R Juckes 8-11-1 N Juckes (7)
3 313F NEARLY HONEST 7 (C,G) R Hodges 6-10-8 A Tory
4 -604 WHATMORECANIASKFOR 14 (B) G Charles-Jones 6-10-3 D Meredith (3)
5 UUPP LIZZIES LASS 92 F Gray 9-10-0 G Crone (7)

13-8 Nearly Honest, 2-1 Paper Star, 7-2 Colonial Office, 8-1 Whatmorecaniaskfor, 25-1 Lizzies Lass.

3.20 CLEMATIS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,753: 2m 4f) (6)

1 -F12 JARRWAH 28 (CD,BF,G) J Spearing 6-12-0 V Slattery
2 1111 SAAHI 7 (CD,G,S) C Weedon 5-11-11 (6ex) J McCarthy (5)
3 P161 ROYAL CIRCUS 14 (CD,G) P Hiatt 5-11-4 S Wynne (3)
4 01P3 ALICE'S MIRROR 24 (V,G,S) T McGovern 5-10-11 W McFarland
5 3/F3 CONSTRUCTION 7 (D,F) R Ingram 9-10-2 D Gallagher
6 P-55 KINGSFOLD PET 14 M Haynes 5-10-0 M Richards

5-4 Saahi, 3-1 Jarrwah, Royal Circus, 8-1 Alice's Mirror, 10-1 Construction, 25-1 Kingsfold Pet.

3.50 JAPONICA HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,738: 2m) (8)

1 3130 MONDAY CLUB 45 (D,F,G) J Tuck 10-12-0 D Meade
2 1226 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 12 (D,G,S) G Charles-Jones 6-11-7 W J Walsh (7)
3 -044 VICTORY ANTHEM 21 (CD,G) P Clarke 8-10-3 D Fortt (5)
4 P-PU EDDIE WALSHE 7 (D,F) J Long 9-10-0 Leesa Long
5 2010 MAMALAMA 26F (F) J Bridger 6-10-0 D O'Sullivan
6 4135 CYRILL HENRY 125 (F,G) P Winkworth 5-10-0 A Merrigan
7 F633 CANDLE KING 14 (G) H Manners 6-10-0 M Appleby (7)
8 6-30 IN THE GAME 59 Miss A Whitfield 5-10-0 J McCarthy (5)

3-1 Monday Club, 4-1 Candle King, 9-2 Mamalama, Whippers Delight, 6-1 Victory Anthem, 10-1 Cyrill Henry, 25-1 others.

4.20 WISTERIA NATIONAL HUNT FLAT
(£1,590: 1m 5f) (12)

1 1 COLOSSUS OF ROADS 28 (G) T Thomson Jones 5-11-12 Guy Lewis (5)
2 HIZAL H Manners 5-11-5 M Appleby (7)
3 2 MIGHTY MAURICE 28 (B) A Foster 5-11-5 J McCarthy (5)
4 6 BELMORE CLOUD 29 R O'Sullivan 5-11-0 R Davis (3)
5 0 BETTY'S MATCH 86 Miss S Waterman 5-11-0 Mr G Shenkin (7)
6 0 LLAMA LADY 26 H Webb 5-11-0 A Dowling (7)
7 0 CORPORATE IMAGE 22 W Brisbourne 4-10-10 S Wynne (3)
8 JOALTO C Popham 4-10-10 Miss T Honeyball (7)
9 00 NORTHERN SINGER 19 R Hodges 4-10-10 D Meredith (3)
10 THE LATCHKIO Mrs S Williams 4-10-10 D Hobbs (7)
11 QUAKER WALTZ J Tuck 4-10-5 D Meade
12 QUEENFORD BELLE P Hobbs 4-10-5 A Thornton (3)

7-4 Colossus Of Roads, 5-2 Mighty Maurice, 7-2 Queenford Belle, 10-1 Hizal, 12-1 Belmore Cloud, 14-1 Joalto, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Weedon, 7 winners from 14 runners, 50.0%; P W Hiatt, 3 from 8, 37.5%; T Thomson Jones, 12 from 42, 28.6%; J Spearing, 9 from 40, 22.5%; J Jenkins, 17 from 85, 20.0%; R O'Sullivan, 10 from 52, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 6 winners from 15 rides, 40.0%; A Tory, 5 from 22, 22.7%; V Slattery, 4 from 22, 18.2%; D Gallagher, 10 from 64, 15.6%; D O'Sullivan, 10 from 71, 14.1%; M Richards, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: chase - soft; hurdles - heavy

1.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Scobie Boy (J Osborne, 8-11 fav); 2, My Wizard (7-2); 3, Gorteera (10-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 8l. C Egerton. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.57.

2.00 (2m ch) 1, Lackendara (J Osborne, 7-2 Thunderer's nap); 2, San Lorenzo (2-1 fav); 3, Kibreet (5-1). 5 ran. 10l, 10l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £4.10; £2.00, £1.30. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.84.

2.30 (3m hdle) 1, Newton Point (T Jenks, 7-2); 2, Buonarroti (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Metal Oiseau (12-1). Captain Dolford 2-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. 3l, 15l. T George. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £4.10. CSF: £10.32.

3.05 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Dubacilla (D Gallagher, 11-4); 2, Rough Quest (6-1); 3, The Widget Man (5-1). Threeoutoffour 2-1 fav. 8 ran. ½l, 10l. H Cole. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £8.80. CSF: £18.01. Tricast: £69.84.

3.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, One Man (N Doughty, 2-1 fav); 2, Mailcom (9-2); 3, Spikey (33-1). 9 ran. 3l, 15l. G Richards. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.90, £3.30. DF: £9.90. Trio: £36.20. CSF: £10.45.

4.05 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Sunset And Vine (A Dicken, 3-1 fav); 2, Crabby Bill (13-2); 3, Texan Baby (7-1). 9 ran. ¾l, 15l. S Dow. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £16.30. Trio: £22.20. CSF: £21.74. Tricast: £115.77.

Jackpot: £2,125.20.
Placepot: £14.60.

Folkestone

Going: chase - soft (heavy patches) hurdles - heavy

2.05 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Moorish (D Murphy, 1-6 fav); 2, Rising Wolf (12-1); 3, Desert Challenger (11-2). 3 ran. 2½l, 25l. J White. Tote: £1.50. DF: £16.50. CSF: £2.47.

2.35 (2m 5f ch) 1, Yellow Spring (J Railton, 7-2); 2, Nickup (100-30); 3, Congregation (7-1). Cokenny Boy 2-1 fav. 6 ran. 10l, 4l. D Grissell. Tote: £4.30; £2.10, £2.50. DF: £7.70. CSF: £14.92.

3.05 (3m 2f ch) 1, Silverino (M Richards, 4-1); 2, Cool And Easy (13-2); 3, Betty Hayes (16-1). Furry Knowe 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 10l, 4l. G Moore. Tote: £6.20; £3.10, £2.60. DF: £7.30. CSF: £28.60.

3.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, General Wolfe (B Powell, 9-4); 2, Talbot (11-8 fav). 6 ran. 3¼l. T Forster. Tote: £3.40; £1.00, £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £5.73.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, French Charmer (D Murphy, 13-8 fav); 2, Rinanna Bay (5-1); 3, Osturn (11-4). 6 ran. 4l, 2l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.00; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £16.30. CSF: £8.70.

4.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Run High (Mr R Teal, 7-2); 2, Taylors Prince (15-8); 3, Scent Of Battle (7-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Derisbay. 10l, 4l. P Mitchell. Tote: £4.10; £3.40, £1.10. DF: £10.90. CSF: £10.76.

Placepot: £13.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Dulzura (D Bridgwater, 10-1); 2, Bold Bostonian (13-8); 3, Strong John (4-5 fav). 5 ran. 6l, dist. A Jarvis. Tote: £9.00; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £10.80. CSF: £25.67.

2.40 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Burn Bridge (Peter Caldwell, 7-4 fav); 2, Lord Naskra (100-30); 3, It's Not My Fault (5-1). 11 ran. 25l, nk. T Caldwell. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £6.70. Trio: £14.00. CSF: £9.00.

3.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Abaloni (S Wynne, 5-4 fav); 2, Arctic Life (3-1); 3, Vazon Express (8-1). 4 ran. 1l, 30l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.70. DF: £4.60. CSF: £5.03.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Vanart (R Garritty, 5-2 fav); 2, Ballenna Rose (11-4); 3, Lava Falls (6-1). 5 ran. 1l, dist. W Haigh. Tote: £4.50; £2.30, £1.40. DF: £8.40. CSF: £9.40.

4.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Crews Castle (W J Walsh, 7-4); 2, Arctic Oats (Evens fav). 3 ran. NR: Bentley Manor. Shd. J Jenkins. Tote: £3.40. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.61.

4.45 (2m flat) 1, Handmaiden (S Mason, 4-7 fav); 2, Hullbank (10-1); 3, Malachite Green (12-1). 11 ran. 1¾l, 10l. M Camacho. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £61.90. CSF: £10.25.

Placepot: £200.60.

Ludlow

Going: good to soft (good in places)

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Squire York (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1); 2, Formal Affair (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Manila Bay (7-1). Musical High 2-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. 5l, 15l. M Eckley. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £4.40. CSF: £15.47.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Beaufan (Gary Lyons, 16-1); 2, Bitran (7-1); 3, Andrath (14-1). Insh Tan 3-1 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 2l. B Cambidge. Tote: £43.40; £9.50, £2.50, £3.80. DF: £87.50. Trio: £139.50. CSF: £126.00. Tricast: £1,497.07.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Deependable (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1); 2, Raba Riba (2-1 fav); 3, Lastofthevikings (20-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 12l. N Henderson. Tote: £7.90; £1.90, £1.20, £2.10. DF: £13.10. Trio: £53.70. CSF: £20.58. Tricast: £246.62.

3.25 (2m hdle) 1, Fed On Oats (A Maguire, 6-1); 2, Monty Royale (14-1); 3, Captain Khedive (6-1). Merlins Wish 7-4 fav. 18 ran. ½l, ½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £39.00. CSF: £80.82.

3.55 (3m ch) 1, Brown Windsor (Mr J Durkan, 7-4 fav); 2, Cape Cottage (5-1); 3, Knocklumshin (3-1). 14 ran. Nk, ½l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £2.30; £2.00, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £10.13.

4.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, Johnny Will (M A Fitzgerald, 8-4 jt-fav); 2, Vazon Bay (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Primitive Singer (14-1). 9 ran. 2½l, 12l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.22.

4.55 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Chief Raider (A Maguire, 8-1); 2, Cosmic Force (20-1); 3, Super Spell (20-1); 4, Jackson Flint (10-1). Ling 7-2 fav. 19 ran. Nk, 3½l. J Wade. Tote: £13.30; £2.40, £6.40, £6.20, £1.70. DF: £506.60. Trio: not won. CSF: £166.87. Tricast: £2,900.04.

Placepot: £34.50.

Wincanton doubt

THE meeting scheduled for Wincanton today is subject to a precautionary inspection at 7.30am, as three degrees of frost are forecast.

Ian Renton, the clerk of the course, said: "With frost forecast tonight we had no choice but to inspect in the morning, but we are hopeful of racing."

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Promotion remains Charlton's priority

By Peter Ball

CHARLTON Athletic managers evidently do things differently. As if being half of the only joint-managerial establishment in the country was not different enough, Alan Curbishley broke all the canons of accepted managerial behaviour on Tuesday night and greeted his side's giant-killing act in beating Blackburn Rovers 1-0 at Ewood Park with a metaphorical shrug of the shoulders.

The glory of the FA Cup has always been the sight of smaller clubs embarrassing big ones, but for Liverpool, Everton and Blackburn Rovers to be beaten on their own grounds by first division sides suggests there is more quality outside the FA Carling Premiership than is generally allowed. Charlton, like Bolton Wanderers and Bristol City already this season, beat higher-ranked opposition with a combination of resolute defending and some excellent football which impressed most neutrals.

Curbishley was less enthralled: "I'm not going to go overboard about it," he said. "We've not done anything yet. We can quite easily get beaten in the next round at Bristol or Stockport and then this will all be forgotten."

He was equally unexcited when one of his local reporters tried to jolly him along at the prospect of the FA Cup making a significant financial contibution to his club. "If we go to Stockport they can only hold 8,000," he pointed out. "Bristol can hold 25,000, but you don't get that much out of it, you know."

If that sounded miserly at a time when Charlton's travelling supporters, almost a quarter of their average home attendance, were basking in their reflected glory, there was more to come. The manager next turned his withering gaze on suggestions that the win was the stuff of FA Cup romance with the little man beating the rich one. In doing so, he explained his resolutely unexcited response.

"We want to get away from the old impoverished image," he said. "Although our team didn't cost a lot, we don't want to go on about the prince and the pauper. The only way we can get away from those comparisons is by getting into the Premiership, where you can generate enough money to make us a bigger club.

"I'm far more concerned about our game with Watford on Saturday. I want to go up. This was a great achievement for us. I thought the back five were magnificent and anyone who watched us over the two games would say we deserved it," he said. "But I don't want this to overshadow our league games. I would have swapped this result for beating Grimsby last Saturday."

The fight for promotion places is intense, but Charlton's side undoubtedly looks worth a lot more than the £400,000 Curbishley and Steve Gritt paid to assemble it. Minto has already been assessed as a £1 million player if Charlton were to decide to sell him and several others did their prospects some good on Tuesday night, with Stuart Balmer a tower of strength at centre half and Pitcher having an excellent all-round game in midfield as well as scoring his memorable goal.

"There was a bit of glory for the lads and after this game one or two of our players will be a bit more famous now," Curbishley said. "But if anyone wants to buy any of them, it will cost a lot of money.

"We don't need to sell any more. It's not like the Robert Lee situation, where we had to sell because we needed money to get back to The Valley. We've done that now. What we have to do now is beat Watford to keep in the top two in the league."

Yet, while the team returned to London and their celebrations, Curbishley stayed in the north — to watch Stockport and Bristol City battle to be Charlton's next Cup opponents.

Wycombe Wanderers, who won the FA Trophy last season as a GM Vauxhall Conference club, are favourites to return to Wembley in April for the final of the Autoglass Trophy.

Wycombe, who beat Fulham on penalties on Tuesday night after drawing 2-2 after extra time at Craven Cottage, will play the second leg of their southern area final against Swansea City, who beat Leyton Orient 2-0, at Adams Park.

The winners of that tie meet either Carlisle United, who also needed extra time before overcoming Lincoln City 2-1 on a mud-soaked pitch at Brunton Park, Stockport County or Huddersfield Town in the final.

KAPPA SPORTS PICTURES



Ian Rush, looking forward to continuing his international career with Wales under John Toshack

Rush pledges future to Wales

By Keith Pike

IAN Rush, who had threatened to retire from international competition after the decision by the Football Association of Wales not to renew Terry Yorath's contract as manager, has had a change of heart.

The Liverpool forward, his country's all-time leading goalscorer, has pledged his support for John Toshack, Yorath's successor, and will be available for Wales's *European championship qualifying campaign* that begins in September.

"I know it may look like a turnaround, but we all say things in the heat of the moment," Rush said. "Now I've had time to think about it. I realise there is no bigger honour than representing your country at any sport. I think it would now be wrong if I chose not to play again for Wales. I owe it to so many people to play, especially Welsh fans."

Creditors of Barnet, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club, yesterday agreed to a rescue package that should guarantee the club's immediate future. Between them, creditors were owed around £1.7 million, but, with a required 75 per cent majority, they accepted a proposal from David Buchler, the Barnet chairman, which will see around £300,000 made available to meet debts. Preferential creditors will receive 50 pence in the pound and unsecured creditors ten pence in the pound.

The Football Association acted quickly yesterday to end a second potentially embarrassing dispute over contracts. The day after threatening to move international and other leading matches, including the FA Cup final, away from Wembley Stadium, the FA seemed likely to be drawn into conflict with the seven clubs scheduled to stage matches during the European championship finals in 1996. By yesterday afternoon, however, it appeared that the problem had been resolved.

The controversy was sparked by Leslie Silver, the Leeds United chairman, who said in a radio interview that his club may reconsider its decision to act as one of the hosts for the finals.

Under regulations imposed by Uefa, the governing body of European football, the clubs will only be able to keep ten per cent of their gross gate receipts. "We are very concerned about the economics of staging the championships," Silver said. "The FA, hotels, restaurants and other businesses will make a lot of money, but, frankly, at the moment I cannot see how the clubs are going to make anything out of it."

A meeting with the other clubs involved — Aston Villa, Liverpool, Manchester United, Newcastle United, Sheffield Wednesday and Nottingham Forest — to plan a joint approach had been arranged for next week. Yesterday, however, the FA contacted Silver, who said: "The FA say financial help will be available, so the matter, as far as we are concerned, is now totally defused."

The under-21 international between England and Denmark, who meet at Wembley at senior level on March 9, is to be played at Brentford.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Taylor strikes form on Wembley stage

DENNIS Taylor, the former world professional snooker champion, recorded his first 5-0 victory for two years when he followed up a 5-1 first-round win over Ronnie O'Sullivan with an even more convincing defeat of Willie Thorne in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Taylor, who will now meet Neal Foulds tomorrow for a place in the semi-finals, had not administered a whitewash since he beat Darren Morgan in the last 16 of the 1992 European Open.

Taylor, 45, compiled breaks of 84, 53 and 48 to lead 3-0 before he stole the fourth frame on the pink with a 34 clearance when Thorne, badly out of sorts, had missed the penultimate red. "This is what the game is all about," Taylor said, expressing his preference for the sport's more glamorous tournaments. "It may be an invitation event, but there are some ranking tournaments that don't come anywhere near this."

Whitakers' cup aim

EQUESTRIANISM: Great Britain will be represented by the Whitaker brothers, Michael and John, Veronique Whitaker and Nigel Coupe in the Volvo World Cup qualifier at the Brussels International Horse Show on Saturday. The Whitaker brothers are equal sixth in the grand slam series at present. The show returns to the competition calendar after a three-year absence.

☐ Eighteen nations, including Australia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, have entered the third world dressage championships for disabled riders, to be held at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire, from July 21 to 24. Organisers have raised all but £25,000 of the £165,000 required to stage the event.

Dunning leaves Towers

BASKETBALL: Mark Dunning, the coach of London Towers, yesterday left the *Budweiser League club by mutual* agreement (Nicholas Harling writes). Dunning, 37, was in his second season with Towers, who are fifth in the league and aiming to reach the championship play-offs for the third successive year. Roy Childs, a club director, said: "The players have got to be motivated in order to get us to Wembley but, as a board, we didn't feel they had been motivated enough in recent weeks." Charlie Bannerman, Dunning's assistant, takes over until the end of the season.

Nerurkar leads team

ATHLETICS: Richard Nerurkar, the 1993 World Marathon Cup champion, will lead Britain's challenge for the marathon at the European championships in Helsinki in August. Nerurkar has a best time of 2hr 10min 3sec and will be one of the pre-race favourites. In the women's race, Angela Hulley will return to major international competition. A bronze medal-winner in the 1990 Commonwealth Games, Hulley has a best time of 2hr 30min 51sec.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: Men: R Nerurkar, S Brace, A Green, J Solly. Women: A Hulley, D Sanderson, M Sutton, L Turner.

Dickson signs Farr

YACHTING: Chris Dickson, the New Zealand skipper leading the Whitbread Round the World Race, yesterday signed Bruce Farr to design his challenger for next year's America's Cup. The partnership strengthens the credibility of Dickson's fledgling Pacific Challenge 95 syndicate at a crucial stage in its fund-raising. Blake was almost 2,000 *miles ahead of schedule yesterday in his attempt with Robin* Knox-Johnston, his co-skipper, to break the 79-day record for a non-stop circumnavigation in the 92ft catamaran, ENZA New Zealand.

Road event goes open

CYCLING: The 66-member association of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) will today be told that the inclusion of professionals, for the first time, in this year's road and track event at Victoria, British Columbia, is confirmed and not subject to further appeal. A decision that the event would be open was first reported in *The Times* last year but produced immediate protests from Scotland and Wales. England also complained only to withdraw objections when the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) was asked to adjudicate for the second time.

Maradona plans to play in World Cup finals

DIEGO Maradona says he intends to play in the World Cup finals this summer, despite the controversial incidents he has been involved in during the past fortnight.

"I have all my batteries ready to play," the Argentina captain was reported to have told a news agency in Buenos Aires. "I'm going to play. I'll keep playing until I'm 50 and, if on the contrary I have to retire, that's no problem." Maradona was also said to have admitted firing an air rifle at journalists outside his home after quitting his club, Newell's Old Boys, in a dispute over his fitness and willingness to train. "I shot with a rifle at one," he said. "I know how to admit mistakes."

Julio Grondona, the president of the Argentina Football Association, said he believed Maradona could still play a leading role in the finals and thought his problems were caused by difficulties in coming to terms with his decline. "He can go to the United States as only half the player he was in Mexico [in 1986], but he can still be very useful," Grondona said. "He will have no problems with motivation, but he cannot be the player he was and this has caused him mental problems."

Defensor Sporting, the Uruguyan club, are to approach Maradona after the player was reported as saying they were the type of club he would like to join.

The United States and Romania, who have been drawn together in the World Cup finals, could meet in a dress rehearsal in Hong Kong this weekend. They are competing in a four-team tournament and will play in the final on Sunday, provided they can overcome Denmark and a Hong Kong League XI respectively today.

A weakened Colombia, lacking a number of its better-known players, beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in Jeddah yesterday. Aristizabal scored the game's only goal after 33 minutes. The two sides, both of whom have qualified for the World Cup finals in the United States in June, drew 1-1 last weekend.

Birmingham City, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club, has agreed to a transfer request from Paul Tait after a dispute with Barry Fry, the manager, over the midfield player's fitness. Birmingham will want around £500,000. A number of clubs, including Crystal Palace and Portsmouth, have expressed an interest in Tait.

Sheffield United have completed the transfer of Willie Falconer, their midfield player, to Celtic. The club had originally sought to recoup the £400,000 it had paid Middlesbrough for Falconer last year, but instead agreed a fee of £375,000.

Niels Jorgensen, 23, Denmark's Olympic goalkeeper, has joined Queens Park Rangers on trial. The move follows fears that the club's current goalkeeper, Jan Stejskal, is likely to refuse a new contract when his present agreement expires at the end of the season. Stejskal, a Czech, is having a house built for him in Prague, which suggests he is keen to return home after four years in England.

Alloa, of the Scottish second division, were yesterday celebrating the prospect of a money-spinning Tennents Scottish Cup fourth round trip to the country's richest club, Rangers. More than 4,000 spectators saw Tuesday night's 2-0 success against the Highland League club, Ross County.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 0 Tottenham 0. Second division: Bournemouth 3 Swansea [illegible]

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Cambridge 1 Gillingham 3

BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round replay: [illegible]

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round replay: Shamrock Rovers 2 Bohemians 2 [illegible]

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Saudi Arabia 0 Colombia 1

Late results on Tuesday

FA CUP: Fourth round replay: Blackburn Rovers 0 Charlton Athletic 1

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Semi-final: North: Carlisle United 2 Lincoln City 1 (aet). South: Fulham 2 Wycombe Wanderers 2 (aet, Wycombe win 4-2 on penalties); Leyton Orient 0 Swansea City 2

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Alloa Athletic 2 Ross County 0; East Stirlingshire 1 Aberdeen 3. Third round replays: Cowdenbeath 1 Greenock Morton 2; Dunfermline Athletic 1 Airdrieonians 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: St Johnstone 1 Motherwell 0. Second division: Stenhousemuir 3 Queen of South [illegible]

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: [illegible] Town 0 Bath City 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1 Crawley Town 1 [illegible] Worcester 1 Farnborough 7 [illegible] Gloucester 0 Halesowen 0 [illegible] Dorchester 0 Trowbridge 0 [illegible]. Postponed: [illegible]. Southern division: [illegible] Buckingham Town 0 Braintree 2 [illegible] Ashford 4 Newport IOW 1 [illegible] Poole 1 Salisbury 5 Sudbury 5 [illegible] Witney 2 Havant 2. Midland division: Armitage 1 Sutton Coldfield 2 [illegible] Redditch 2 Grantham 1 [illegible] Hinckley 2 Bedworth 3 [illegible] Rushden and Diamonds 1 [illegible] Stourbridge 2

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP: Second round replay: Leek 2 Knowsley 1

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: [illegible]. Premier division: [illegible]

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: [illegible]

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: [illegible]

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: [illegible]

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services 1 Cradley League 2

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: [illegible]. Second division: [illegible]

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: [illegible]. Second division: [illegible]

ENGLISH SCHOOLS UNDER-15 CHAMPIONSHIP: SECOND ROUND: [illegible]

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round: [illegible]

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: [illegible]

ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Sampdoria 2 Parma 1

CYCLING

TOUR OF ANDALUSIA: First stage: [illegible]. Second stage: [illegible]. Overall: 1, Balli [illegible]

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Worthing 71 (Harrod 22, Lewis 17, Irish 13) Guildford 68 (Byrd 16, Brown 15, Clark 13). NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): [illegible]

GOLF

SAN LORENZO: [illegible]

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: [illegible]

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): [illegible]

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: [illegible]

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: [illegible]

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British open championship: Third round: [illegible]

TENNIS

SUNDERLAND: LTA women's satellite tournament: First round: [illegible]. Second round: [illegible]

MEMPHIS, Tennessee: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: [illegible]. Second round: [illegible]

MILAN: Men's tournament: First round: [illegible]. Second round: C Pioline (Fr) bt A [illegible]

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): [illegible]

OSAKA, Japan: Women's tournament: First round: [illegible]

CRESTA RUN

ARIS VATIMBELLA CUP: 1, P J Mullen (Ire) [illegible]; 2, L P Piana (Fr) 155.69; 3, R M Rayner (GB) 156.19; 5, J B Sunley (GB) 169.53, equal 6, D G Payne 160.[illegible]

YACHTING

EUROPA ROUND THE WORLD RALLY: Second leg (Las Palmas to St Lucia): First division: 1, Serenity II (US) 0.75pts; 2, Starmoon (GB) 2.0; 3, Taratoo (It) 3.0

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Luton (7.15); Bristol City v Arsenal (7.30)

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leeds v Notts County; Sheffield Wednesday v York. Second division: [illegible]

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: Waterford Utd v Cobh Ramblers (2.45). First round replays: Dundalk v Galway Utd; Sligo Rovers [illegible]; Home Farm v Athlone Town (2.45); [illegible]

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: [illegible]

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley Conference Centre)

TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Coventry); LTA women's satellite tournament (Sunderland)

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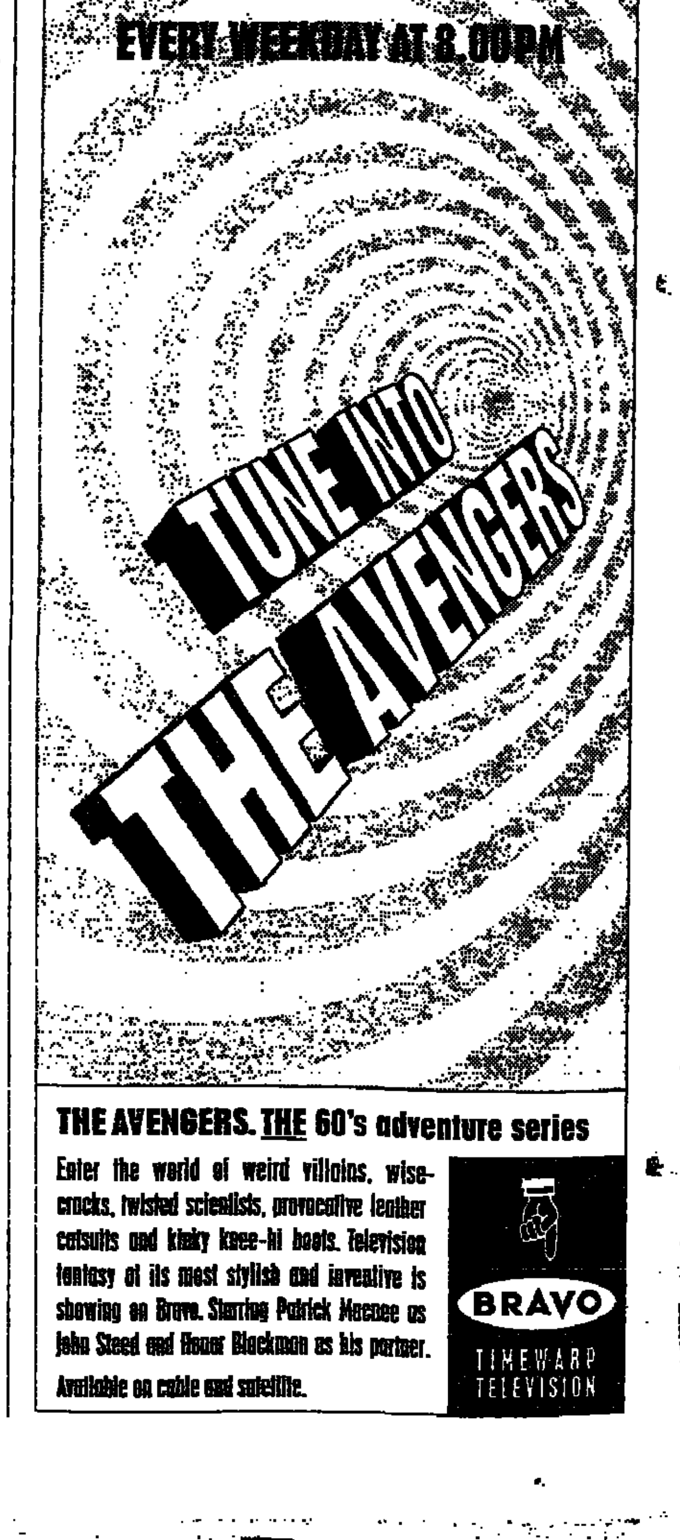
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (88671)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54501045)
9.05 Kilroy. A studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (7009497) **9.45 Newshound.** Current affairs quiz (s) (5736381)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9761652) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3304687)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (38927855)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by David Dimbleby (s) (5215364) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (55015652)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (99126)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49000300) **1.50 The Great British Quiz.** General knowledge competition (s) (49184316)
2.15 Snooker – The Masters. The first quarter-final, from the Wembley Conference Centre (s) (817958)
3.50 Noddy (r) (s) (7796478) **4.00 Batfink.** Cartoon series (1788313) **4.05 Jackanory.** Sandi Toksvig with part three of her story *Thin Air* (7363565) **4.20 Popeye and Son** (3683949) **4.30 Sloggers.** The final part of the children's cricket drama (Ceefax) (s) (6915497)
4.55 Newsround (7507045) **5.05 Blue Peter.** With the British Olympic bobsleigh team in the French Alpine resort of La Plagne. (Ceefax) (s) (5596294)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (601590). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (381)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (861). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (5497)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (395)
8.00 Good Health. Fitness programme presented by Anthea Turner, Dr Mark Porter and Brenda Emmanus. (Ceefax) (s) (7045)
8.30 CHOICE **Wildlife on One: Malice in Wonderland – A Coral Reef Drama.** (Ceefax) (s) (3652)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4316)



Lumley and Saunders are in fashion (9.30pm)

9.30 Absolutely Fabulous: Morocco. Patsy, Edina and Saffron are in North Africa for a fashion shoot. Starring Jennifer Saunders, Joanna Lumley and Julia Sawalha. (Ceefax) (s) (78584)
10.00 Ben Elton – The Man from Auntie. Stand-up comedy and sketches (s) (32294)
10.30 Question Time chaired by David Dimbleby (72294). **Wales:** The Slate 11.10 Question Time 12.10am A Way of Life
11.30 NEW **A Way of Life.** First of four programmes for Ramadan, exploring the diversity and roots of Britain's Muslim community (945861)
11.50 Snooker – The Masters. Quarter-final action (326890) **1.30am Weather** (3343430)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (36898) **5.40 A Way of Life.** As 11.30pm (6325922). Ends at 6.00

BBC2

6.45 Open University: The Clinical Psychologist (6386132) **7.10** Planet Earth. A Scientific Model (6142497) **7.35** Diabetes – Restoring the Balance (8582132)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2352381)
8.15 Westminster Daily. (4203294)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Fiddley Foodle Bird (25544045) **1.30-1.40** Johnson and Friends (60909107)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbertime** (r) (11549958) **2.20 Play It Safe!** Preventing serious injury to cycling children (r). (Ceefax) (s) (32447497) **2.30 Advice Shop** from Southall (s) (294)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Includes Prime Minister's questions (5097584) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7787720)
4.00 Snooker – The Masters. Quarter-final action from the Wembley Conference Centre, introduced by Dougie Donnelly (s) (8774)
6.00 FILM: Frankenstein – The College Years (1992) starring William Ragsdale and Christopher Daniel Barnes. Spoof horror about two students who revive a 100-year-old corpse and enrol him in their college. Directed by Tom Shadyac (64774)
7.30 First Sight: Church at the Crossroads. Michael Delahaye reports on the Church of England's agonising over the issue of women priests (687). **Wales:** Week In Week Out: **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report: **North, North-east** and **North-west:** Close Up North, **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up, **West:** Close Up West
8.00 Big Science. Off-beat science series (5687)
8.30 Quest for the Rose. The last in Roger Phillips's series on the history of the rose. Tonight he asks top growers from around the world what the rose of the future will look like. (Ceefax) (s) (1294)
9.00 The All-New Alexei Sayle Show. Comedy sketches. With Jean Marsh, Peter O'Brien and John Sparkes (s) (2958)



Lisa St Aubin de Terán on track (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Great Railway Journeys: Santos to Santa Cruz.** (Ceefax) (s) (21768)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (591229)
11.15 The Late Review. Highlights from *The Late Show* presented by Mark Lawson (s) (910010)
11.55 Weather (733768)
12.00 Open View. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (5868071)
12.05am In Search of Identity. The role of the middle manager (1979053). Ends at 1.30

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CHOICE

Great Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9.30pm

Unlike some other contributors to this enjoyable series, the writer Lisa St Aubin de Teran actually loves *trains and rail travel. It is a good thing she does for her* 2,000-mile journey from Santos on the Brazilian coast to Santa Cruz in Bolivia is not exactly without incident. As she wittily remarks, South American railway timetables are no more believable than political manifestos. But the delays, derailments and strikes fail to dampen the romance. Showing off her eccentric *clothes and fluent Portuguese, de Teran displays a* patience that would do credit to a British Rail commuter. There are, however, compensations. After all, not many BR customers have the chance to stop off and lob hunks of beef to hungry crocodiles.

Secret History: Dead or Alive?
Channel 4, 9.00pm

This documentary about Cyprus may set some sort of record by failing to mention Asil Nadir. The subject is arguably more serious, the fate of 1,619 Greek Cypriots who went missing when the Turks invaded in 1974 and have never been accounted for. The Turks admit that prisoners were taken but maintain that all were released and returned to Cyprus. A United Nations committee on missing persons has looked into more than 500 cases but has been unable to resolve a single one. The film is balanced enough to admit that not all the alleged abuses have been on the Turkish side. Greek Cypriots, in turn, have been accused of atrocities against the Turks. Cyprus remains one of Britain's messier colonial legacies.

Wildlife on One: Malice in Wonderland
BBC1, 8.30pm

As so often in offerings from the BBC's Natural History Unit, the star of the show is the unseen cameraman. Tonight's film, which takes place entirely underwater, was shot by Peter Scoones. His footage is *remarkable for its brightness, clarity and detail*, as he uses the latest video technology to explore parts of the Red Sea that conventional photography would never reach. The content is remarkable as well. Scoones brings us the grandeur of the coral reef, the remains of a shipwreck and surging shoals of glassfish, snappers, silversides and other residents of the deep. The fish survive by killing for food, sometimes feasting off other fish, but it is an elegant form of murder and Scoones's lens does it full justice.



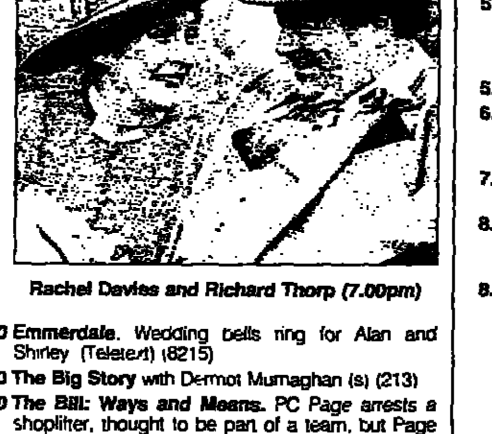
Homage to Danny Blanchflower (C4, 10.00pm)

Those Glory, Glory Days
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Julie Welch's story of a football-mad schoolgirl is revived in tribute to the late Danny Blanchflower, who is very much its hero. Welch's partly autobiographical script follows 13-year-old Julia (Zoe Nathenson) and her three friends as they go to sometimes fantastic lengths to get tickets for the 1961 Cup Final. Did the real Welch really sleep overnight in the White Hart Lane goalmouth in order to be at the head of the queue? Never mind, the incident is true to the spirit of an engaging film in which Philip Saville's somewhat leisurely direction allows full play to the writer's acute observation and offbeat comedy. Blanchflower turns up briefly as himself and look out, too, for Richard Wilson and Alexei Sayle. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (336381) **9.00 Top of the Morning** (6492497)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw Celebrity game show (s) (8495584) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3217107)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (s) (2151107)
10.35 This Morning (38911294) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8801107)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3001132)
12.55 Emmerdale. A repeat of Tuesday's episode. (Teletext) (3913923) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (97619652)
1.55 Gardeners' Diary Seasonal advice from John Ravenscroft (95449774) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (43754749) **2.50 TV Weekly** introduced by Eamonn Holmes (s) (3237584)
3.20 ITN News headlines (6172687) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8171958)
3.30 Allsorts (s) (9352958) **3.40 Tots TV.** Puppet series (s) (7881590) **3.50 Garfield and Friends**. Cartoon series (4992229) **4.10 Wolf It!** (Teletext) (s) (2207652) **4.40 Fun House.** Slapstick game show (Teletext) (2034300)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5686861)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (860836)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (68107)

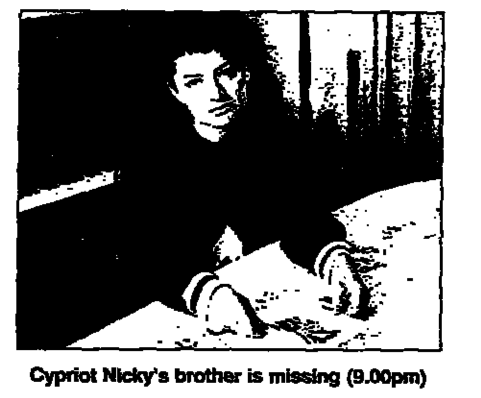


Rachel Davies and Richard Thorp (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Wedding bells ring for Alan and Shirley (Teletext) (8215)
7.30 The Big Story with Dermot Murnaghan (s) (213)
8.00 The Bill: Ways and Means. PC Page arrests a shoplifter, thought to be part of a team, but Page discovers the woman's motives turn out to be more personal. (Teletext) (9213)
8.30 Minder: All Quiet on the West End Front. Arthur senses profit in the corporate hospitality business but all does not go to plan. (Teletext) (s) (36213)
9.30 Scotland Yard: Trooping the Colour. A look behind the scenes of the security operation surrounding the ceremony. (Teletext) (63652)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (23590) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (985749)
10.40 Just a Minute. Television version of the popular radio comedy quiz. With Nicholas Parsons, Tony Slattery, Jim Sweeney, Lee Simpson and Tony Blackburn (s) (267749)
11.10 Big City. Entertainments guide (s) (431958)
11.40 FILM: Ooh . . . You Are Awful (1972) starring Dick Emery, Ronald Fraser and Pat Coombs. Comedy about a conman searching for a hidden fortune, the secret of its location having been tattooed on a woman's backside. Directed by Cliff Owen (373381)
1.30am Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to Robin Williams about his new film *Mrs Doubtfire* (26817) **2.30 The Beat.** Music and movie magazine (r) (s) (14546)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (92546)
4.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (40985)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (10362)
5.30 ITN Morning News (77508). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors Animated adventures (r) (6284720)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (89749)
9.00 Sabotage. All-female quiz game show, presented by Maria McErlane (s) (44039)
9.30 Schools: Middle English – Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet* (6019869) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (9206816) **10.07** Scientific Eye (3224497) **10.28** Geographical Eye: Over Europe (4612836) **10.52** Schools at Work (5312836) **11.00** History in Action. Hypotheticals (2226355) **11.22** The Microclass (7669768) **11.40** The French Programme (3729478)
12.00 House To House. Maya Even reports on business from both Houses of Parliament (20403)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guests are the band Los Lobos (91346) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (53229)
2.00 FILM: Everybody Does It (1949, b/w) starring Linda Darnell, Paul Douglas and Celeste Holm. Comedy about a staid businessman, helping his wife with a career in opera, who is suddenly discovered to have a magnificent voice himself and persuaded to take up a singing career – much to the consternation of his wife. Directed by Edmund Goulding (114768)
3.45 Token Gesture. Micheline Lanctot's animation about sexual stereotyping (7888403)
3.55 Travelog Pete McCarthy reports from Zanzibar (r) (Teletext) (s) (6768534)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Ceefax) (s) (126)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are experts with advice to householders on how best to prevent dishonest people tricking their way in with false repair men identification (8461213)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animated version (674687)
6.00 Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another group of contestants through the fantasy maze (r) (s) (66749)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (129403) **7.50 Comment** (203213)
8.00 Eat Your Greens. Sophie Grigson prepares dishes involving cauliflower, spinach and cabbage (r) (Teletext) (7855)
8.30 The Pulse. Reports examining the National Health Service's complaints procedures. Jean Robinson talks to three patients who have registered complaints and to a GP who explains what it is like to be complained about. (Teletext) (2590)



Cypriot Nicky's brother is missing (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Secret History: Dead or Alive?** (Teletext) (s) (7519)
10.00 CHOICE **FILM: Those Glory, Glory Days** (1983) (Teletext) (140720)
11.45 Sex Talk. A look at the variety and meaning of women's sexual fantasies (r) (636671)
12.30am Dispatches. A repeat of last night's programme (Teletext) (8685607)
1.20 Manor Of Ulloa. Episode one of a four part Spanish drama set in Galicia during the 1880s. In Spanish with English subtitles (r) (3681188). Ends at 2.45

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Kevin Greening (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Reluctant Jester **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones presents a session by blues guitarist Chris Thomas **10.00** Reading Music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together: An Assembly for Schools. **9.35** Listen and Read 2; **9.45** Letter Box; **9.55** Poetry Corner; **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Personal Best **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Swish of the Curtain **7.15** The Devil in the Dustbin **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.00** Klub Kulture **9.30** Easy Terms: A play by Mark Davies Markam **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Laughing Aloud **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *To the Lighthouse* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** No Money, No Music **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** The False Inspector Drew **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** Sharp Talents

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Stenhammar (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny, live from Glasgow's Theatre Royal **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Travel Guide: Ethiopia **8.00** Evening Concert: Liadov (The Enchanted Lake, Op 62); Schumann (Fairytales, Op 132); Nielsen (Aladdin, Op 34) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Gary King, including at **7.00-9.00** Jools Holland Does Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-4.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **1.55pm** A Country Practice (49005855) **2.20** TV Weekly (43842958) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3237584) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (5686861) **6.00** Home and Away (947045) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (273923) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (267749) **11.10** Phoenix (184841) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (1370258) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (7717343) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (3512430) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3592701) **2.40** The Spaniard's Curse (1881430) **3.55** Jobfinder (75710324) **4.25** Night Shift (73398891) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music

CENTRAL
As London except: **91.55pm** Shortland Street (49005855) **2.20** TV Weekly (43842958) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3237584) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (5686861) **6.00** Home and Away (947045) **6.25** Central News and Weather (869836) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (955251) **10.40** Trials of Rosie O'Neill (885565) **11.40** House II: The Second Story (344519) **1.15am** The Little Picture Show (786850) **2.15** Noisy Mothers (780430) **3.15** The Twilight Zone (87267275) **3.40** Jobfinder (2495169) **4.50** Quiz Night (91815053) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3998324)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55pm** A Country Practice (49005855) **2.20** TV Weekly (43842958) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3237584) **6.00** HTV News (749) **6.30-7.00** Special Report (229) **10.40** The West This Week (411039) **11.25** Rock Sport (977855) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (468687) **12.35am** Bodies of Evidence (7717343) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (3512430) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3592701) **2.40** The Spaniard's Curse (1881430) **3.55** Jobfinder (75710324) **4.25** Night Shift (73398891) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (38140)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.00pm-6.30** Wales at Six (749) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (213) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (985749) **10.40** Face Value (267749) **11.10-11.40** Wales and Westminster (431958)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (3217107) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8801107) **1.55** A Country Practice (49005855) **2.20** TV Weekly (43842958) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3237584) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8171958) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (591300) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (748) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (229) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (985749) **10.40** Bodies of Evidence (885585) **11.40** Love and War (586852) **12.10am** Coach (6596508) **12.40-1.30** Street Legal (7932919) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (10362)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (49005855) **2.20** TV Weekly (43842958) **2.50** The Young Doctors (3868861) **3.15-3.20** Crusader Rabbit (8175774) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (386316) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (229) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (985749) **10.40** Northern Eye (411039) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (392565) **12.20am** Frankenstein (173508) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3592701) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7852169) **3.10** Double Wedding (463985) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** The Sullivans (95449774) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (43841229) **5.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (68107) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (985749) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (267749) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (397010) **12.05am** Coach (6509072) **12.30** My Story (5244256) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (7717343) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (3512430) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3592701) **2.40** The Spaniard's Curse (1881430) **3.55** Jobfinder (75710324) **4.25** Night Shift (73398891) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (38140)

YORKSHIRE
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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (89749) **9.00** Sabotage (44039) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (397687) **12.00pm** House To House (20403) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (54958) **1.00** Travelog (82836) **1.30** The Great Commanders (7242316) **2.15** The Fast Lady (560403) **4.00** Slot 23 (942) **4.00** Tomos Y Tanc (8869213) **4.20** Bwr Yn Y Wlad. Chwelror (7188359) **4.30** Willa: Gopath (126) **5.00** The Cosby Show Theo's Gifts (1671) **5.30** Countdown (478) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (371395) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (830836) **6.25** Heno (271565) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8107) **7.30** Glowyr (25687) **8.30** Newyddion (2590) **9.00** Taro Naw (4126) **9.30** The Pulse (51294) **10.00** How To Get Ahead In Advertising (140720) **11.45** Nurses Smokin' In The Boys' Room (956381) **12.15am** Undercover Britain Ripping Off Hope (39904) **12.45** Karachi Kops (38275)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Witness to Change — The Education Reform Act **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Partita No 3 in E, BWV 1006); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Book 6 No 34, Spinning Song); Walton (Overture, Portsmouth Point); Vivaldi (Concerto in F, RV433, La tempesta di mare); Verdi (Spuntato ecco il dì, Don Carlos); Alwyn (The Magic Island)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn in England. Symphony No 100 in G, Military; Trio No 1 in C, London, HIV 1; Piano Sonata in C
10.00 Musical Encounters, from Glasgow with Mary Miller. Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a theme of Corelli for strings); Evelyn Glennie, percussion, plays John Macleod (Song of Dionysius). **11.05** Haydn (Symphony No 82 in C, The Bear) **11.40** Bartók (Dance Suite)
12.00 Ensemble: The Wihan Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 71 No 1); Smetana (String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From My Life) (r)
1.00 News 1.05 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Wolf (Scherzo and Finale); Finzi (Clarinet Concerto: Seiji Yokokawa); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D)
2.30 Music at Oxford: A concert, recorded in Dorchester Abbey, to celebrate the Italian Renaissance and Baroque
3.55 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Philharmonic under George Lloyd performs Lloyd (Symphony No 3; Ballet Suite, Charade)
5.00 The Music Machine: Byte the Music. In the fourth programme, Mike Edwards explores the editing power of computers, and asks how much of "live" recording is really live
5.15 In Tune: Humphries (Concerto in D, Op 12 No 2: Crispian Steele-Perkins, trumpet; ECO under Anthony Halstead); Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla: Chicago SO under Fritz Reiner); Bruch (Scottish Fantasia: Salvatore Accardo, violin; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur)
7.25 Gloriana: See Choice
10.45 Night Waves: Harriet Gilbert investigates witchcraft and talks to Leslie Wilson about her novel, *Malefice*
11.30 Voices: Schubert. Iain Burnside introduces a recital of Goethe settings recorded in 1988 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Dieter Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, and Hartmut Höll, piano, perform Drei Gesänge des Harfners; Prometheus; Meeres Stille; Grenzen der Menschheit: Der König in Thule; Erlkönig; Rastlose Liebe; Der Rattenfänger; Heidenröslein; Geheimes; An den Mond; Wonne der Wehmut, Hoffnung; Der Musensohn; Am Flusse (r)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

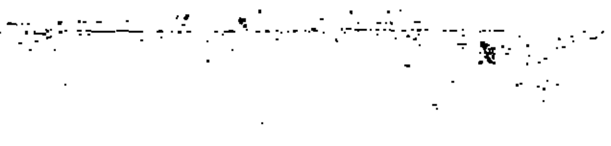
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Enid Morgan **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates (r)
9.30 On the Ropes: John Humphrys talks to Sara Parkin, the former chair of the Green Party
10.00-10.30 Oliver Twist (FM only): Second of a six-part dramatisation of Charles Dickens's novel. With John Grillo and Tim McInnerny
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): John (4/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour Jean Snedegar talks to mothers whose children have gone missing. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Child and the Journey. See Choice
3.00-4.00 Soapbox (FM only), with David Mellor
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews David Hare's new translation of Brecht's *Galileo*
4.45 Short Story The Lady of the Sea, by Diana Hendry. Every evening, Saul and his daughter drive to the seaside to keep their appointment with Our Lady of the Sea. Read by Lin Sagovsky
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Darling You Were Marvellous: Sandi Toksvig chairs the celebrity panel show. Today's guests are Tony Hawks, Nick Revell, Steve Frost and Lee Simpson
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: Life in post-Gorbachev Moscow by Irena Lesova, a young Russian broadcaster
8.00 Analysis: At a Price. Frances Cairncross ponders how beating inflation could change our lives
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For disabled listeners
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda. John Turnbull reads the first of 12 parts of Peter Carey's 1988 Booker Prize-winning novel, set in 19th-century Devon and Australia
11.00 Stanza: Seamus Heaney discusses the work of the American poet Robert Frost
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Gloriana. *Radio 3, 7.25pm.*
It was during an Austrian skiing holiday in 1952 — the year Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne — that Lord Harewood suggested the idea of an opera about Elizabeth I to Benjamin Britten. It is apt, therefore, that the musical earl should be interviewed during the interval (8.35pm) in tonight's live relay of *Gloriana* from the Royal Opera House. It is appropriate, too, that the relay should come from Covent Garden. It was on this same stage, in 1953, that the opera had its first performance. Josephine Barstow is tonight's Virgin Queen, and Thomas Randle her adoring Essex.

The Child and the Journey. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
It would be well nigh impossible for Sue Glover's play about a little Scots girl with cerebral palsy (Katy Wilson) not to make some demands on our tear ducts. It is not, however, a remorseless tear-jerker. In describing the emotional and financial demands this illness can make on parents and the community, its style becomes almost documentary. It is an early and important contribution by Radio 4 to the Year of the Family. **Peter Davalle**



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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (73051942) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5173107) **9.10** Cartoons (4677229) **9.30** Card Sharks (80782) **9.55** Concentration (8023403) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6009768) **10.30** Love at First Sight (64861) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (39768) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (82213) **12.30pm** E Street (16768) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (30233) **2.00** Shogun (58133) **3.00** Another World (2514229) **3.50** DJ Kat (5885942) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (6768) **6.00** Games World (5381) **6.30** E Street (2861) **7.00** M*A*S*H (7497) **7.30** Full House (8045) **8.00** Rescue (49010) **9.00** LA Law (32774) **10.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (35861) **11.00** The Untouchables (15861) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (41256) **1.00am** Night Court (24695) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (74188)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (20671) **9.30** Nightline (14132) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (91749) **11.30** Japan Business Today (57107) **12.30pm** News/Business (95565) **1.30** CBS News (96294) **2.30** Parliament (91039) **4.30** News/Business (5958) **5.00** Live at Five (572216) **7.30** The Reporters (6667) **8.30** Talkback (90774) **11.30** CBS News (87652) **12.30am** ABC News (95169) **1.30** The Reporters (40411) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (10817) **3.30** Talkback (15362) **4.30** The Reporters (92362) **5.30** CBS News (24430)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (8632774)
10.00 Life Stinks (1991). Mel Brooks experiences life on skid row (10684)
12.00 The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming! (1966): Cold War comedy with Alan Arkin (18065300)
2.05pm Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1966). With Audie Murphy (657923)
4.00 Portrait in Black (1960): Bored Lana Turner plots murder (4300)
6.00 Life Stinks (as 10am) (40749)
8.00 Hot Shots! (1991) Gag-packed spoof of *Top Gun* starring Charlie Sheen (83395)
9.30 Mel Gibson: The Making of Lethal Weapon 3 (14300)
10.00 The Fear Inside (1992): An agoraphobic illustrator is trapped indoors by psychopaths (795294)
11.45 Mutronics: The Movie (1991). CIA agent Mark Hamill fights aliens (958294)
1.15am Keeper of the City (1991). Louis Gossett Jr tracks a maniacal journalist. Anthony LaPaglia (822698)
2.50 The Indian Runner (1991). Two brothers clash over their differing lifestyles (12798091). Ends at 4.50

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Picture of Dorian Gray (1945, b/w) George Sanders and Hurd Hatfield star in Oscar Wilde's story (29413021)
8.00 Macbeth (1971): With Jon Finch and Francesca Annis (16416294)
10.20 Police Academy (1984): Comedy about the antics of new police recruits (585381) Ends at 11.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Gnomes' Great Adventure. Animated fantasy (42519)
8.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist. Tales of Dickens's young hero (94107)
10.00 99 River Street (1953) An innocent man is accused of murder (18126)
12.00 The Hireling (1973) A chauffeur falls for an aristocrat (774039)
1.45pm The Pride and the Passion (1957): Cary Grant and Frank Sinatra fight in 19th-century Spain (11646381)
4.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist (as 8am) (2942)
6.00 The Fire in the Stone (1987): Children search for stolen opals (44519)
8.00 Shining Through (1992): Melanie Griffith rescues Jewish relatives from Nazi Germany. With Michael Douglas (36396720)
10.15 Puppet Master (1989) Psychics are menaced by killer puppets (951381)
11.45 Puppet Master III: Toulon's Revenge (1991): Killer dolls strike (299774)
1.10am Jumpin' at the Boneyard (1991): Tim Roth and Danitra Vance as self-destructive brothers in the Bronx (570898)
3.00 The First Circle (1973): An adaptation of Solzhenitsyn's Nobel Prize-winning novel (724508) Ends at 4.35

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (76671) **7.30** Soccer News (9716942) **7.45** Wrestling (9939229) **8.30** Drag Racing (71294) **9.00** Prime Bodies (68774) **9.30** Get Your Handicap Down (94687) **10.00** Boxing (27233) **12.00** FA Cup (35478) **2.00pm** Soccer (8381) **2.30** Cricket Tour Preview (37856) **4.30** Tennis (8316) **5.00** Adventure Sport (8768) **6.00** Soccer News (749580) **6.15** Netbusters (744045) **6.30** Basketball (4861) **7.00** Boots and All (70958) **8.00** Bool Room (83478) **9.00** South African Open Golf (86565) **11.00** French Football (67519) **12.00-1.00am** Boots and All (85614)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (56774) **8.00** Dancing (89021) **9.00** Gymnastics (23687) **11.00** 1992 Winter Olympics (74565) **1.00pm** Snooker (27403) **3.00** Winter Olympics Preview (2584) **3.30** Ice Hockey (76942) **4.30** Motors Magazine (21671) **5.30** Euroski (13126) **6.30** News (6229) **7.00** 1992 Winter Olympics (58403) **9.00** Boxing (81010) **10.00** Tennis (78107) **10.30** Basketball (61045) **12.00-12.30am** News (63343)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (4610519) **7.30** Neighbours (4526126) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4916213) **8.30** EastEnders (4915584) **9.00** The Bill (4906836) **9.30** The Onedin Line (4564039) **10.30** Bergerac (1327671) **11.30** The Sullivans (4141855) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4919300) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1139584) **1.00** EastEnders (4602590) **1.30** The Bill (1138855) **2.00** Robin's Nest (20266711) **2.30** 'Allo, 'Allo! (5488749) **3.00** Dallas (4145671) **4.00** The Colbys (6892045) **4.55** Blankety Blank (76591836) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (35706768) **5.55** Sykes (4615590) **6.30** EastEnders (5576858) **7.00** Survivors (2453497) **8.00** 'Allo, 'Allo! (2013107) **8.30** Robin's Nest (2025942) **9.00** Bergerac (2442381) **10.00** The Bill (4060229) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (4903749) **11.00** Top of the Pops (5683584) **11.45** Dr Who (7486519) **12.15am** FILM Crazy from the Heart (1991) A teacher's (Christine Lahti) affair breaks class and racial barriers (1164237) **2.00-7.00** Shopping (4451546)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (35039) **6.30** Bobobobs (28229) **7.00** Paddy (4384687) **7.15** Gravedale High (797565) **7.45** Pugwall (796836) **8.15** Head to Head (9922045) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (13294) **9.00** It's Drabee Time (17687) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (64519) **11.00** RatKan II (12841) **11.30** Bobobobs (62300) **12.00** Paddy (5421720) **12.15pm** Gravedale High (408774) **12.45** Pugwall (407045) **1.15** Head to Head (23951584) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (39774) **2.00** Madeline (8923) **2.30** New Shoe People (5303010) **2.45** Babar (314381) **3.15** RatKan II (3743107) **3.20** Newts (2145039) **3.35** Special Feature (4412580) **3.40** Rude Dog (6414213) **3.55** Head to Head (5603213) **4.00** White Fang (3774) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (9958)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Speed Racer (76213) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (55720) **8.00** Rugrats (70565) **8.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (79632) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (56316) **9.30** Cartoon Kabloosy (93229) **10.00** Eureeka's Castle (46584) **10.30** David the Gnome (82300) **11.00** The Banana Sandwich (48403) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (47132) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (73652) **12.30pm** Wisdom of the Gnomes (96045) **1.00** The Banana Sandwich (75584) **1.30** Janosch's Dream (95316) **2.00** Wild Side Show (6923) **2.30** Out of Control (4294) **3.00** Get the Picture (8958) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (6039) **4.00** Speed Racer (1774) **4.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7958) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (3403) **5.30** Guts (8010) **6.00** Rugrats (5923) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (2403)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (5493671) **4.30** Durrell in Russia (5499855) **5.00** Dangerous Earth (2015565) **5.30** Violent Earth (4538497) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4363010) **7.00** Going Places (2108229) **7.30** Big City Metro (5490584) **8.00** Terra X (2011749) **8.30** Pirates (2023584) **9.00** Elite Fighting Forces (2440923) **10.00** Discovery (2443010) **11.00** Dancing With the Devil (4514381)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Gigi (1958): Romantic musical with Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier (69169836) **2.05pm** FILM The Truth About Spring (1964) Hayley Mills falls for a rich young man (8257768) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5497497) **4.30** My Three Sons (5486381) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2115519) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5573861) **6.00** Saber of London (5570774) **6.30** Man from Interpol (5498126) **7.00** Yancy Derringer (2022855) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (5487010) **8.00** The Avengers (2457213) **9.00** FILM Untamed Women (1952, b/w) Four bomber pilots land on a prehistoric island (4229687) **10.30** Donny and Marie (4094045) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (4223403) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3135665)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (5955756) **8.00** Family Affairs (1113590) **8.30** Bon Voyage (1113861) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6292584) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4255580) **10.30** Young and the Restless (7926774) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey (3498316) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77139229) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58978300) **12.30** Housecalls (9099010) **1.00** Bazaar (5603229) **1.30** Bon Voyage (9098381) **2.00** Agony (4263519) **3.00** Living (7348958) **3.45** Gladrags (69862294) **4.00** Definition (1814107) **4.30** Infatuation (1916519) **5.00** Musiquest (8458805) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5568942) **5.45** Kilroy (5224346) **6.30** Delia Smith (1815836) **7.00** Maternal World (9004949) **7.30** That's Amore (1804720) **8.00** Young and the Restless (2351039) **9.00** FILM The Bedroom Window (1987). Steve Guttenberg steps forward as the witness to a murder (53106890) **11.05** That's Amore (4018958) **11.30** Infatuation (4251774) **12.00-1.00am** Agony (9355512)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (5403) **5.30** Black Stallion (3710) **6.00** Wonder Years (7923) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (4403) **7.00** All Clued Up (9039) **7.30** Pyramid Game (9377) **8.00** Cats Eyes (14316) **9.00** Lou Grant (21652) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (25039) **10.30** Evening Shade (96377) **11.00** Remington (52720) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (27614)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wild Side (258519) **8.00am** VJ Ingo (169671) **11.00** Soul (73213) **12.00** Greatest Hits (55768) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (495854) **3.30** The Report (6590687) **3.45** At the Movies (6415942) **4.00** News (6904045) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6821768) **4.30** Dial MTV (1316) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (95331) **7.00** Greatest Hits (34126) **8.00** Most Wanted (93565) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (56497) **10.00** The Report (944890) **10.15** At the Movies (994395) **10.30** News (805519) **10.45** 3 from 1 (893774) **11.00** Party Zone (51229) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (12492) **2.00** Videos (3712275)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (96823) **7.00** Regional News (70126) **7.30** Asian Morning (55861) **8.00** Hindi News (18749) **8.30** Urdu News (5777359) **8.45** English News (8276364) **9.00** Barzakh (31213) **10.00** Hindi FILM. Yeh Nazdeekiyan (881381) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (79497) **1.30** Hindi FILM Platform (708584) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3584) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (5836) **7.00** Ba Adab Ba Mulhaiza (98300) **8.00** English News (356039) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Achanak Bura (87073316) **11.15** Feera (676519) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8374527) **1.35** Sight and Sound (35009508)

TNT
Theme: Tribute to Jimmy Durante
7.00pm This Time for Keeps (1947) The son of a singing star falls for a young swimmer. With Esther Williams (99940836)
9.00 Two Sisters from Boston (1946, b/w) Siblings visiting New York start work at a Bowery saloon (28132300)
11.10 You're in the Army Now (1941, b/w) Phil Silvers and Jimmy Durante accidentally join the army (64820010)
12.40am Meet the Baron (1933, b/w) A fool is mistaken for Baron Munchhausen (26234607)
2.00 What! No Beer? (1933, b/w) Buster Keaton comedy (32974492)
3.15 Student Tour (1934, b/w): College boys take a round-the-world trip (29583968) Ends at 4.35

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10 1994

Lewis fails to make convincing Test case

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN BARBADOS

ENGLAND revealed much, though not all, of their Test-match thinking yesterday. Selection for the four-day match against Barbados, which starts today, identifies Mark Ramprakash and Graham Thorpe for the vacant batting places, confirms the intention that Jack Russell should keep wicket and strongly hints at the desire to include a spin bowler.

But the most significant omission from this, the last fixture before the internationals begin, is that of Chris Lewis. Although he will surely feature in the one-day international on Wednesday, his absence here indicates that he is now unlikely to play in the first Test in Kingston on Saturday week.

Lewis's stock has fallen dramatically in the past fortnight, his poor form being compounded by a no-ball problem and his attitude being castigated by Keith Fletcher, the team manager, during net practice. The captain, Michael Atherton, explained his exclusion pointedly: "It's really down to people making a case for themselves." After lengthy discussion among the four selectors, the final bowling place for the game today went to Alan Igglesden, thus sparing him the distinction of being the forgotten man of the tour even before the serious cricket began.

With Andy Caddick unlikely to be risked in the first one-day game, it was thought wise that Igglesden, who has so far played only once, should have more competitive bowling.

England's priorities properly focus on the Test series but, with one limited overs international before the first Test and four more before the second, some concessions are necessary. Alec Stewart will keep wicket in the one-day games, so he will share the gloves with Russell over the next four days.

"Alec will do as much keeping here as he feels he should," Atherton said, "but we want Jack to play in the Test. He is a very important member of the side, not least as our No 7 batsman." Unconsciously, perhaps, Atherton was banishing Lewis further into oblivion with the suggestion that Russell will occupy the all-rounder's position.

"This was not an easy side to select," the captain added. "There were so many considerations." Not quite as many, though, as in the corresponding match four years ago, when England's response to the hand injury suffered by Graham Gooch was to summon David Gower from the press box.

This time, the left-hander in the middle order will be Thorpe, who knows now that he can confirm his Test place with a good score. Thorpe will bat at No 6, with Graeme Hick one place higher, while the critical No 3 position will be occupied here and in the Jamaica Test by Ramprakash.

Atherton and Fletcher were yesterday studying details of Barbados's first-class matches this season and were intrigued to hear that, in all three home games, they won the toss and fielded first. The pitch, though almost bare of grass, usually offers something in the first session and the touring side may be tempted to give Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm first use of it.

The spin bowling will be done here by Philip Tufnell, who remains ahead of Ian Salisbury in the pecking order. Atherton, at least, inclines towards playing a spinner in the Tests, though he will not have been surprised to hear that West Indies have dismissed any such thought.

Their party of 13 for the opening Test, named yesterday, includes five fast bowlers, with only Carl Hooper's part-time off breaks for spin. There is, perversely, a specialist slow bowler, the experienced Roger Harper, in their one-day squad, in which Jimmy Adams will keep wicket.

ENGLAND XI: M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, R A Smith, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, R C Russell, A R C Fraser, A P Igglesden, P C R Tufnell, D E Malcolm
WEST INDIES: One-day squad: R B Richardson (captain), D L Haynes, B C Lara, P V Simmons, K L Arthurton, C L Hooper, J C Adams, R A Harper, C E L Ambrose, A C Cummins, W K M Benjamin, K C Benjamin, C A Walsh. Test squad: as for one-day internationals except that J R Murray replaces Harper



Let Bob Willis, the former England cricket captain, help you pick your *Times* 1st XI team today. Play the game on page 39.



Lamine Gueye's helmet portrays his thoughts on efforts to remove him from Alpine skiing events at the Winter Olympics which begin in Lillehammer, Norway, on Saturday because he is not a member of the Alpine World Cup tour. Gueye, from Senegal, is the only Alpine entry from Africa. Photograph: Eric Gaillard

Andrew stands by comments on international

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ROB Andrew yesterday shrugged off criticism of his outspoken remarks regarding the rugby union international at Murrayfield between Scotland and England last Saturday, and suggestions that he had been directly involved in the final penalty which gave England victory 15-14.

Andrew, England's stand-off half, who was playing in his 54th international, disparaged Scottish tactics in *The Times* on Monday. But there have been claims north of the Border that, far from Ian Jardine conceding the penalty which Jonathan Callard kicked to win the match, the hand which played the ball on the ground in the last ruck was that of Andrew himself.

Scottish officials have watched slow-motion enhancement of the BBC recording which purports to show Andrew playing the ball illegally. It should be emphasised, however, that no complaint is being made on this score. The referee from New Zealand, Lindsay McLachlan, made the decision based on what he saw, though Scottish critics suggest he may have been deceived by the fact that England's playing strip has a blue cuff at each arm — a similar colour to the Scottish jersey.

"It's down to the referee," Andrew said yesterday. "I haven't seen the incident again and I can't remember even if I was involved. Other than that I have no comment to make. The article [in *The Times*] may have seemed quite strong to some people but I'm happy with what appeared. We do suffer problems with southern-hemisphere officials away from home. It's easy for people to say we should expect such problems but it's not easy to resolve them."

Bill Hogg, the Scottish Rugby Union's chief executive, said the only motive for studying the match video so closely was to try and exonerate Jardine, the Scottish replacement centre, of any blame in a match which went so far towards restoring Scottish pride after humiliating defeats by New Zealand and Wales.

The incident does raise a question over the new design, by Cotton Traders, not only of the English jersey but the red jersey of Wales which now sports cuffs of green — the colour of Ireland.

Three of the forwards who did so well for England emerging players in their 86-17 victory over Spain last Sunday — Derek Eves, the Bristol flanker, Richard West and Tony Diprose — have been added to the England A squad for the match with Ireland at Richmond on February 18.

ENGLAND A SQUAD: Backs: P Hull (Bristol), A Adebayo (Bath), N Beal (Northampton), P Holford (Gloucester), D Hopley (Wasps), S Potter (Leicester), P Challinor (Harlequins), P Grayson (Northampton), M Dawson (Northampton), A Kardooni (Leicester). Forwards: C Clark (Bath), K Dunn (Wasps), R Cockerill (Leicester), A Mullins (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester), R West (Gloucester), A Blackmore (Bristol), D Ryan (Wasps), C Sheasby (Harlequins), R Jenkins (London Irish), A Diprose (Saracens), D Eves (Bristol).

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Townsend again thwarted by late penalty goal



Townsend: rare game

Alan Lorimer finds Scotland's stand-off dogged by a repeat of Murrayfield drama

FOR the second time in five days, Gregor Townsend, the Scotland rugby union stand-off half, watched a penalty goal thwart his side's ambitions.

Yesterday, Townsend made a rare appearance for Edinburgh, who were bidding for a place in the quarter-finals of the Universities Athletic Union championship against Northumbria. But not even the presence of the new Scotland No 10 was enough to save Edinburgh from losing 11-9.

Edinburgh, leading 9-8 with five minutes remaining, conceded a penalty in their 22-metre area and, perhaps with the same degree of difficulty attending the goal kick as that faced by Jonathan Callard for England on Saturday in the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield, Rob Smith, the Northumbria stand-off, kicked the goal.

The score proved to be the winning effort despite a frantic attempt by Edinburgh to salvage the match in injury time.

Afterwards, Townsend admitted that, in spite of the result, he had enjoyed the game. "It helps me come down from the high of playing international rugby," he said. "After the game against Wales, I was absolutely flat the following Saturday when I played for Gala against Jed-Forest in the league."

That is a syndrome experienced by many international players and one which was addressed on Monday night by Jim Telfer, the Scotland director of rugby, on Scottish television. Telfer suggested that international players he had talked to had mostly wanted to rest between international games and not be pressured into playing league matches.

Yesterday, in the strong wind at Peffermill, Townsend had few opportunities to show his running skills, but did manage to demonstrate his much improved line-kicking. The international stand-off even had a kick at goal, but his long-range effort that might have won the game for Edinburgh fell short.

Craig Chalmers has a chance to reclaim lost ground on Townsend when he appears for Scotland A against France A in Rennes on February 20. Chalmers lost his place to Townsend for the match last Saturday.

SCOTLAND A: M Dods (Gala); K Milligan (Stewart's-Melville FP), I Jardine (Stirling County), R Shepherd (Edinburgh Academicals), D Stark (Broughton), C Chalmers (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose), A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside); K McKenzie (Stirling County, captain), D Herrington (Dunbar High School FP), D McIver (Edinburgh Academicals), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), S Campbell (Dundee High School FP), S Reid (Boroughmuir), C Hoyle (Melrose). Replacements: D Barrett (West of Scotland), D Hodge (Watsonians), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP), F Wallace (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), P Wright (Boroughmuir), M Scott (Edinburgh Academicals).

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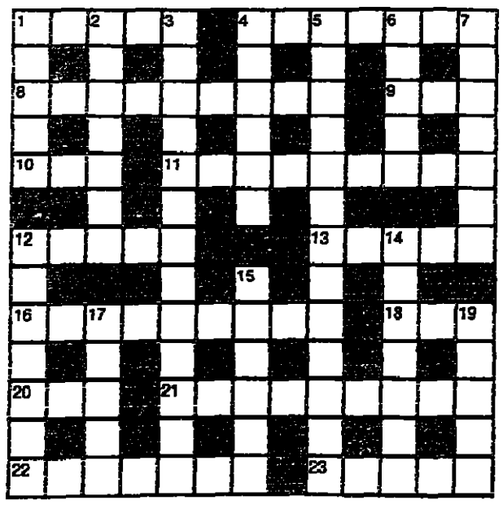
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 85

ACROSS
1 Impetuous spell (5)
4 Be forced to give way (7)
8 Not easily pleased (6)
9 Ceremonial receptacle (5)
10 Equality (5)
11 Hormone stimulating circulation (9)
12 Torrent (5)
13 Ancient Upper Egypt/Sudan (5)
16 Plans are spoiled when it's upset (5-4)
18 Jibe (7)
20 Female bird (5)
21 Interpretation in performance (9)
22 Solo concert (5)
25 Tool for sorting by size (5)

DOWN
1 Bread (5,2)
2 Devastating blaze (7)
3 Put on a brave face (4,3,4,2)
4 Country gentleman (6)
5 Flogging implement (3-1-4-5)
6 Customary (5)
7 Source of sudden good fortune (7)
12 Turn (an parallel to water (7)
14 Eccentricity of manner (7)
15 Grassy weed (6)
17 Tyrant (5)
19 Helper appearing by magic (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 84

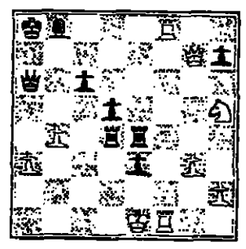
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DOWN: 1 Dumas 2 Fur 3 Cahoots 4 Tripe 5 Fatal 6 Ex officio 7 Tetanus 11 Registrar 13 Absence 15 Juniper 16 Recess 18 Gaudy 19 Miser 22 May

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Yudasin - Kramnik, FIDE Candidates, Game 5, Wijk aan Zee 1994. Although White is in trouble he appears to have stirred up some counterplay with the threat of Rxh8+. However, Black dispelled any such illusions with a quick kill. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

APROCTOUS
a. Indecisive
b. Without a bottom
c. Having no roots

BODLE
a. A ghoul or ghost
b. To thread a needle
c. A Scottish farthing

SOLANDER
a. A sun-room
b. A Sutherland Highlander
c. A book-shaped box

SCHIZZO
a. A sketch
b. A dangerous lunatic
c. Musical notation of discord

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